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Over 300 families 'dyingly' waiting for land payments

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REPORTER

Hundreds of families in the Commonwealth are "dyingly" waiting for payments on their land

compensation claims, and Department of Public Lands deputy secretary of Pete Itibus doubts that this issue will be resolved even in the next several years.

Itibus bared that on Saipan alone, a total of 240 claimants are awaiting payments. The government has to come up with about \$80 million to retire this obligation.

Additionally, over 100 individuals

on Rota have been on the claimants' list for years and the government has to cough up a little over \$20 million to pay them all.

"I really feel sad for them because most of them are dying and many want

➤ **Of 240 Saipan claimants, biggest unpaid claim amounts to \$12M—DPL**

to go off-island for medical purposes, but they can't," he said yesterday.

Land compensation claimants are owners of private property whose lands were acquired by the government, mostly for its road projects. They can choose to be paid either in cash or through a land exchange.

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Mariana House in DC to be sold

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the CNMI will be selling—instead of leasing—the Mariana House in Washington, D.C., which has been shuttered for four years since it stopped being the official residence of the then CNMI resident representative to the nation's capital in 2009.

The CNMI government was torn between leasing or selling the prop-

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ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

From left, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, contractor Radiocom vice president Vicky Borja and Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan shove dirt at yesterday's groundbreaking ceremony for DPW's \$1.425-million Saipan-wide traffic signal system, at the parking lot of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe. The DPW project sparked concerns from the Saipan Mayor's Office but the governor says traffic safety is a main concern while at the same time addressing beautification concerns.

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DUE TO \$600K MONTHLY COST OF UNDERSEA FIBER

'Real time' cable TV on Saipan still a pipe dream

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Fans of HBO's *Game of Thrones* or the History Channel's *Pawn Stars* will still need to wait a week before they can finally watch the latest episodes of their favorite shows on local cable because

of the prohibitive cost of bringing real-time programming to Saipan.

This was according to Docomo Pacific general manager



Nelson

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IN TRIAL OF EX-CUC BOARD CHAIR

Not guilty of 2 charges, guilty of 11 other charges

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The jury acquitted former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Guerrero of two charges but Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman found him guilty of 11 charges—all related to allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.

After deliberating for less than an hour, the six jurors reached a unanimous verdict, finding the 63-year-old Guerrero not guilty of two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Some family members and relatives of Guerrero cried after hearing the not-guilty verdict. Defense counsel Brien Sers Nicholas repeatedly tapped the back of his client.

After a court staff read the verdict at 3:15pm, Wiseman excused the jurors and directed the prosecution and the defense counsel to give their closing arguments

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Guerrero, in eyeglasses, walks down the stairs in the Superior Court accompanied by his counsel, family members and relatives yesterday.

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Local

Public schools' utility arrears jump to \$5.1M

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Officials of the Public School System disclosed that the agency may end the fiscal year in the red due to unfunded expenditures on school utilities.

Acting PSS finance director George Palican disclosed that public schools owe the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

\$5.143 million as of May 31, jumping from \$4.9 million in the last seven months.

The outstanding obligation covers three fiscal years: \$4 million representing arrears incurred in fiscal years 2011 and 2012; and \$1.086 million for the first eight months of fiscal year 2013.

The following are the billing statements for PSS from October 2012 through May 2013: power, \$1.251 million; water, \$741,746; and sewer, \$307,609. All these total \$2.9 million, including late charges.

Palican disclosed that of the \$2.9 million billing for eight months, PSS was able to partially pay \$1.8 million, resulting in an unpaid balance

of \$1.08 million. These payments were made each month, according to Palican.

Meantime, the \$1.08 million arrear covers late charges amounting to \$307,609; unpaid water charges of \$339,051; and arrears for sewer, \$440,079.

PSS is budgeted for only \$2.3 million for utilities in fiscal year 2013. With four more months to go before the end of the fiscal

year in September, education officials admit that PSS has already exhausted all funds intended for this purpose.

"So are we going to end [the fiscal year] in the red?" asked Board of Education member Marylou Ada during Tuesday's fiscal and personnel affairs committee meeting.

"It's not looking too favorable for us because of CUC," he replied.

Palican is pinning his hopes on a pending bill at the Legislature that would give PSS rate relief. He also cited a request for CUC to waive the late charges assessed public schools.

Saipan Tribune learned that CUC instituted the late charges on PSS in fiscal year 2012, con-

tributing to the increasing debt of public schools.

If PSS, which currently pays the government rates on water and wastewater, succeeds in having this legislation passed, the magnitude of savings to PSS is \$2 million every fiscal year. In the 12-month period, the system is projected to be

billed \$4.5 million in its utility consumption. The rate relief bill will reduce this consumption to \$2.5 million yearly.

As a non-revenue generating agency that heavily relies on the transfer of allotments from the central government, PSS and BOE officials believe that PSS should not be

assessed late charges.

Monthly billing, payment

Based on PSS records, the following are the monthly billing statements received from CUC in the last eight months of the fiscal year: October, \$395,448; November, \$419,759; December,

\$413,216; January, \$394,733; February, \$359,286; March, \$308,058; April, \$332,600; and May, \$412,161.

Meantime, the \$1.8 million partial payments were made in the following period: October, \$354,532; November, \$375,076; December, \$271,387; January, \$186,733; February, \$148,195; March, \$153,950; April, \$147,736; and May, \$210,890.

» **'PSS billed \$2.9M in eight months; payments made to date \$1.8M'**

KSA helps 18 students visit South Korea



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Korean Saipan Association president Lee Jong Ho, right, and his assistant/interpreter Kim Hyung Jun, right, pose with the 18 students who took part in last month's trip to South Korea. Also in photo are Saipan Mayor Donald Flores' adviser Henry Hofschneider and a couple of chaperones.

The Korean Saipan Association helped 18 students from Northern Marianas College and various high schools on Saipan visit South Korea late last month.

KSA president Lee Jong Ho, through interpreter Kim Hyung Jun, said the students learned a lot about the Hermit Kingdom's history, culture, way of life, its people, and how it became one of the leading economies in the world.

The 18 students were accompanied by Saipan Mayor Donald Flores' adviser Henry Hofschneider, two staff from the Saipan Mayor's Office, and two chaperones.

The trip, which was from June 24 to 28, brought the students to the Royal Palace of Gyeong Bok-Gung, the country's Presidential Palace (Blue House), Inso Dong Cultural Street, and the Korean Broadcasting System on Day 1.

On Day 2, the delegation went to see the landmark 63 Building, the Nong Sim Confectionary Factory, and the Seoul Zoo.

Their itinerary on Day 3 included a visit to the "Korean Folk Village" in the morning and the amusement park Everland in the evening. The latter is touted as the "biggest and most fabulous amusement park in Korea."

The students paid a visit to KIA Motors on the fourth day of their trip where they saw first-hand the country's industrial might as one of the world's leaders in automotive manufacturing.

They had the opportunity to watch a "Nan-Ta Performance" on Day 4 of the trip.

Day 5 involved a tour of Samsung Electronics, another of the country's flagship companies and one of the leading

consumer electronics maker in the world. They also went to the War Memorial Hall and the National Museum of Korea in Yong San before concluding their trip with shopping at the LeeTaeWon Shopping District.

Aside from NMC, the students also hailed from three high schools on Saipan—Saipan Southern High School, Marianas Baptist Academy, and Saipan Community School.

Lee said, in all, their organization spent about \$26,000 for the trip. The money came from the \$500 participation fee of each student and donations by association members, which number more than 1,000 on the island.

Lee said they organized the trip to educate island resident about their country as well as foster closer relationship between South Korea and the CNMI. (Mark Rabago)

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Eight Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged eight beach sites on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are the DPW channel bridge, south

Puerto Rico dump, American Memorial Park, Hafa Adai drainage, Chalan LauLau Beach, Kanoa Resort beach, Community School Beach, and Chalan Kanoa District 2 drainage.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal

indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages every Wednesday. (PR)

Governor says road safety is main concern

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Gov. Eloy S. led yesterday's groundbreaking ceremony for the Department of Public Works' \$1.425-million Saipan-wide traffic signal system that sparked concerns from the Saipan Mayor's Office, particularly the concrete capping of road medians.

The governor said traffic safety is a main concern, but added that DPW has taken into consideration the mayor's island beautification concerns.

He noted that some road medians where plants and flowers were planted lacked maintenance.

Joining the governor in the ceremonial shoveling of dirt for the traffic system upgrade project yesterday were DPW Secretary Martin Sablan and contractor Radiocom vice president Vicky Borja. In the crowd were mostly DPW personnel.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores was not invited, but Sablan said it was not intentional as he is aware the mayor was busy.

Henry Hofschneider, the

mayor's adviser, said the mayor was officiating weddings almost the whole morning. However, had there been an invitation, he said the mayor could have sent someone to represent him at the DPW project ceremony.

The governor has tried to mediate between DPW and the Saipan Mayor's Office on the road median capping that is part of the traffic signal system upgrade project.

Inos said he has been made aware of the mayor's concerns.

"I went around and looked at what's happening. I don't think this is really an out of control type situation... I believe the

Department of Public Works has taken into account some of the concerns without compromising highway safety requirements," the governor told reporters at the groundbreaking ceremony, held in the parking lot of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library yesterday.

The governor pointed out that planting flowers is "good" but there should be consideration about their maintenance and cleanup.

"If I go around and take a look at where the plants and the flowers are supposed to be, there's a lot of issues really. They're not maintained properly. What does

that tell us?" he added.

But the governor said the mayor's office has other beautification projects to focus on.

"There are other things that we can do to help out in this situation. I will continue to talk to the mayor, and see if we can help each other," he added.

The mayor's office earlier appealed to the governor to intercede in the matter between DPW and the mayor's office.

\$1.425M project

DPW Highway administrator Sonya Pangelinan Dancoe, the lead person in the \$1.425-million traffic signal system upgrade project for Saipan, said the project's scope includes removing and replacing traffic signal controllers,

including cabinets and pedestrian push buttons.

Dancoe said the project consists of upgrading traffic signal heads to light emitting diode, or LED, at 19 intersections on Saipan.

The project is 100 percent funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway funds.

The project contractor is Radiocom, which received the notice to proceed on May 31. The project completion date is March 17, 2014.

"Traffic management is a very essential component of the overall highway system. It controls traffic movement to safely direct vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists at intersections while maintaining traffic flow in all directions. As we all know, in the 21st century, technology

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Torres: CHC privatization not off the table

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Despite the improving financials of the Commonwealth Health Center, the option to privatize the facility in the future will always be on the table, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board chair Joaquin Torres.

However, the corporation board is not walking in this direction at the moment, he added.

Torres said the public hospital's privatization was earlier under serious consideration during the corporation's most challenging times.

"Privatization of the hospital is always on the table and initially, when we were having financial issues and challenges we're looking at it very seriously," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

That direction has changed, Torres said, mainly because of improving revenue flow and other progresses at the hospital.

"Right now, it's not the direction we're pursuing, but it's not off the table. Privatization option should always be readily available as an alternative

for us in the event we cannot afford to fund CHC anymore. That should never be off the table," he said.

Torres said the board is optimistic that they will see more improvements at the facility under the direction of the new management team headed by interim CEO Esther Muna.

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid recently postponed its resurvey visit at the hospital to October, giving the corporation more time to address deficiencies CMS identified in a prior visit.

Torres believes that the federal decision has also something to do with the national sequestration that is impacting many federal agencies' budget.

However, he is confident that CMS will make a favorable decision on CHC's status come October.

Torres disclosed that during the biweekly conference between CHCC and CMS, he hadn't heard of anything that dissatisfied the federal agency. The extension period, he said, will allow the corporation to fine-tune its corrective action plans.

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on the 11 remaining charges that the judge would decide.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister and Brien Sers Nicholas made brief closing arguments.

Wiseman then announced his verdict, finding Guerrero guilty of 11 charges: three counts of assault and battery, five counts of disturbing the peace, two counts of indecent exposure in the second degree, and sexual abuse of a minor in the fourth degree.

Wiseman said he finds the girl's testimony credible and that the evidence supporting the 11 charges was neither disputed nor denied.

Guerrero will be sentenced on Aug. 21, 2013, at 9am. He remains free on bail until then.

After the hearing, the victim, who is now 17 years old, was hugged by her mother and

some family members and relatives, who sat in the gallery behind the prosecution's table.

Nicholas told the media that he has to consult his client first whether they will file any post-trial motions.

"It's a very stressful week," he said.

In a later interview, assistant attorney general Margo Brown said that Guerrero faces a maximum prison sentence of seven and a half years.

Brown said they are obviously disappointed with the jury's verdict, but they respect it.

"But this is what happen when there is a trier of facts. You have a judge and you have a jury," she added.

Brown said that Wiseman found the child credible and ruled that there was evidence beyond reasonable doubt that sexual contact happened with the minor child.

"The victim is very brave. I think she set an example to

other minor children that are victims of sexual abuse," the prosecutor said.

McAllister said this case's success was a complete team effort. He said the cooperation they received from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Services, Office of the Attorney General's Investigation Division, the victim's family and friends, and the community was "really unprecedented."

Attorney General Joey San Nicolas said they disagree with the jury's verdict but that they respect their decision.

"I want to say that this case is about a victim who came forward, had the courage to tell what happened to her on those several occasions, and told law enforcement, told her mother, and told her story to the court, the jury," San Nicolas said.

He said he is very proud of the victim.

"I hope that her story and

her courage will be an inspiration to victims in our Commonwealth to not hide. Do not withhold information that would lead to investigation and eventual arrest and prosecution to those who violate our children, our vulnerable people in our community," San Nicolas said.

During closing arguments yesterday, Brown said they provided sufficient evidence to prove that Guerrero is guilty beyond reasonable doubt of the two charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree that happened in September 2010 when she was 14 years old and in February 2012 when she was 15.

Brown said there is credibility, consistency, and corroboration.

The prosecutor said the girl was very credible in her testimony and her statements were corroborated by other evidence such as the testimonies of five other witnesses, includ-

ing her mother.

"She was sexually abused by that man," the prosecutor said, pointing at Guerrero.

For the defense's closing arguments, Nicholas showed the jurors an empty picture frame, which he compared to what happened in this case.

Nicholas said the government presented no evidence that will firmly convince the jurors that Guerrero is guilty beyond reasonable doubt.

"I don't have any idea why we've gone this far. They want you to speculate," Nicholas said.

He said the evidence the jurors heard was only the testimony of the alleged victim,

"nothing more, nothing less."

Nicholas said there were many inconsistencies in the alleged victim's statements as well as the other witnesses.

"They have not met their burden. Completely off mark," the lawyer said.

Police said that Guerrero first sexually abused the girl when she was in ninth grade, when she was 14 years old, followed by four other incidents.

Police said the last incident allegedly happened at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi on May 25, 2012, when the defendant fondled himself and touched the victim's privates.

The trial began on Monday.

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has evolved tremendously from 20 years ago. With this project, we have the opportunity to implement a traffic management system that is current to today's technology. This upgrade will

allow DPW to continue to fulfill its mission, goals, and objectives by providing safe, efficient, and reliable transportation system for the people of the CNMI," Dancoc told the crowd.

Sablan echoed the DPW project's importance to the general community, particularly in ensuring road safety.

CABLE

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James Nelson, who served as guest speaker of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting at the Pacific Islands Club yesterday.

NTT Docomo, Docomo Pacific's parent company, acquired MCV Broadband in May to the tune of \$29.8 million.

"Since we've acquired MCV, we have learned that the cost of bringing real-time cable TV programming from the U.S. West Coast to Guam costs approximately \$46,000 per month. One might think that \$46,000 is a big number, but not when you compare it to what it would cost to bring in that same programming from Guam to Saipan...that number is over \$600,000 per month," said Nelson during

his presentation.

That statement elicited a deafening silence from the crowd at Charlie's Cabaret.

Because of this prohibitive cost, Nelson said that cable TV programming at MCV will remain status quo for the meantime.

"Make no mistake, Docomo Pacific would love to provide the same products and services in the CNMI as it does in Guam. Unfortunately, under the present circumstances, it is cost-prohibitive to provide real-time cable TV programs due to the extremely high cost of undersea fiber bandwidth between Saipan and Guam."

The sobering truth is that the high cost of undersea fiber has real consequences for Saipan, Nelson said. He told a story related to him that there was once an investor who wanted to set up a call center on Saipan, but backed out once he

found out the cost of undersea fiber bandwidth.

Notwithstanding this, Nelson said that Docomo Pacific is still determined to address this issue for several reasons.

"I'm sure that everyone here will agree that the CNMI economy is in need of a 'booster shot.' Bringing the high cost of undersea fiber bandwidth under control and making it affordable for businesses and individuals will go a long way in growing the economy," he said.

He said an affordable bandwidth and communication cost will be much more appealing to new investors and those who are already doing business here and wish to invest more in the CNMI.

It will also promote competition, Nelson said, which in turn naturally drives down prices, ultimately benefiting the consumer.

Nelson added that essential services such as the hospital and emergency services agencies will finally provide services like telemedicine and video conferencing with the advent of faster and more affordable bandwidth.

"Imagine having your X-rays or CAT scans sent off to a hospital in the mainland as a digital file over the Web, and get your results within minutes, or consult with a specialist overseas via video conference in real time."

He also said CNMI schools will also be able to have high-speed data services at an affordable price in the classroom.

Homes will be able to afford reliable Internet services for children to continue their studies after school. "At this point, our kids are being left behind compared to their peers only 129 miles from here."

FAMILIES

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According to Itibus, of the more than 300 claimants on Saipan and Rota, majority chose cash compensation. Based on the law, this must be paid by the government upon acquisition of the land.

Itibus admits that the long wait for payment is a violation of the law but, in the absence of funds to pay for this obligation, there's nothing that the government can do at this time.

"This [situation] doesn't happen in the [United] States and our government is lucky to have patient people... because [based on the law], once the government comes to you and take away your property, it has to pay you right away. But our government has no money and that's the reality," said Itibus.

When asked about ways to resolve the decades-long problem, Itibus said that it is only the Legislature that can set aside and allocate funds for land compensation.

"There's no way, under the statute, that earning from land leases can be used for land claims," he added.

DPL revenue from land leases are remitted to the Marianas Public Land Trust, which invests the money on behalf of the Commonwealth and its people.

As for the possibility of floating another bond to pay these claimants, Itibus said: "Floating another bond? It's not possible. I am just praying that there will be serious investors to come in to our islands so we can use it to pay them off."

He said that floating another bond is not the kind of "legacy" he wants to leave the people of the CNMI.

Biggest claim

The biggest unpaid claim to date is \$12 million and growing, Itibus said.

This is for the family of Rep. Ramon Tebuteb, who hasn't been paid in cash or land exchange by the government since the family's properties were acquired by the government in the 1990s.

Iibus disclosed that DPL has only \$100 left in its "land compensation account" after the government recently gave partial payment to Luisa Quitugua.

"We kept the \$100 just to keep that account open," he said, adding that it used to have over \$2,000 but the amount was partially paid to Quitugua, who still has pending collectibles from the government.

History

According to Itibus, the government's land compensation program started in 1978.

Many properties on Saipan and Rota were acquired, including those for right-of-way acquisition and claims made for wetlands and ponding basins.

Around 2000, the government was able to partially fulfill its obligation to the claimants, with some \$28 million used for land compensation, Itibus said. This amount was sourced from a \$40-million bond flotation, with \$11 million going to the construction of the Susupe prison.

"That \$28 million for land compensation was not even close to paying off [all obligations to claimants]," he said, adding that accumulated interest compounded the increasing obligations.

DPL assesses a 3-percent per annum interest while several court judgments relating to land compensation assessed higher interests, based on experts' testimonies.

erty, the recent appraised value of which was between \$800,000 and \$1 million.

The governor said there have been entities interested in buying the Mariana House, located at 2121 R Street NW Washington, D.C.

"Our option now is just to sell it and hopefully, we can recover it at the maximum price that we can get it for," the governor said in an interview.

He added that the government does not want to be preoccupied by or distracted with managing the place or continuing its upkeep, among other things.

"I think we're going with the fair market value here," he added.

The governor said there have been "some interested folks who want to go in there and just buy and do some private purchase. So we're looking at that. That way, we can minimize selling expenses. If we go to a real estate company, there's commissions to pay, then there's all kinds of requirements. We've got a few private inquiries."

Proceeds from the sale, according to the governor, will go to the general fund.

Some lawmakers, including House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), earlier said they support the sale or lease of the property, so long as the proceeds go to the NMI Retirement Fund.

Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, separately said yesterday that he favors selling the Marianas House as soon as possible "unless we find the money to renovate it and then sell it later for a better price."

"We have an asset allowed

to deteriorate, wherein a significant portion of its value has been reduced... I believe renovating it would cost \$200,000 to \$300,000 so that it could be priced higher. But even if we renovate it, there's no guarantee we can sell it at a much higher price. It's better if we can get rid of it fast," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The governor consulted with lawmakers whether to sell or lease the Mariana House.

Jim Stump, the governor's special counsel, is overseeing the sale, Inos added.

The Marianas House was bought decades ago to be used by the office of the CNMI's resident representative to Washington, D.C.

It has been sitting idle since 2009 when the resident representative's office was abolished to give way to the CNMI's first nonvoting delegate to the U.S. Congress as a result of Public Law 110-229, the same law that placed local immigration under federal control.

"I believe even the delegate does not have an intention of using the Mariana House because of House rules on renting," Sablan said.

In 2011, the Fitial administration planned to lease the Mariana House.

But at the time, before the administration could lease out the property, it said it will have to repair the building and clear it of a rat infestation, as complained by a neighbor.

Herman Guerrero, who was a special assistant to the first and second CNMI resident representative in Washington, D.C., earlier said the CNMI government spent \$250,000 to buy the Mariana House.

The \$200,000 was appropriated by the CNMI Legislature, while \$50,000 was from the governor's office's contingency fund.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS**MHS Class of '93 Family Fun Day Picnic**

The MHS Class of 1993 reunion committees would like to invite all classmates to a family picnic at the Aquarius Beach (behind Aquarius Beach Hotel and Townhouse Department Store in Susupe) this Saturday, July 13, 2013, from 10am to 6pm. For more information, call Vivian Sablan at 288-1129 or Maryann Arriola at 483-2279. (PR)

Water outage in Koblerville today, Fri.

Residents of Koblerville will experience a nine-hour partial water outage today, July 11, 2013, and Friday, July 12, 2013, from 8am to 5pm on both days, to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas Inc. to replace non-working gate valves along Alaguan St., Asentukon St., and Adobu Dr.

The partial water outage on Thursday will affect residents living on Alaguan St., Adobu Dr., Asentukon St., Atmayas St., Ahu Dr., Paksu Ct., and Charakiles Ct. The partial water outage on Friday will affect residents living on Adobu Dr. and Alaguan St.

For more information, contact project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 235-7025-30 Ext. 324. (CUC)

Red Cross trainings set

The American Red Cross is

scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety training on the following dates:

■ July 16 at 6pm: Adult CPR/AED

■ July 18 at 6pm: Pediatric CPR/AED

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Course fees apply. For more information on the courses listed or other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. (ARC)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on July 9-11, from 10:30am to 1pm. The U.S. Marines will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on July 10-12, from 8am to 10pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical-mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

Inos to govt lawyers: Be 'very careful' in your dealings

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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos called on government lawyers yesterday to be "very careful" in their dealings in the community to prevent the mere "appearance" of impropriety or actual breach of trust and ethical rules, following a briefing he received from Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas on chief prosecutor Shelli Neal's fishing trip to Pagan aboard a boat owned and

captained by criminal defendant Ambrosio Ogomoro.

Ogomoro, a former Department of Public Safety commissioner, is a subject of an ongoing investigation that Neal is currently overseeing.

The governor, however, said he leaves it up to the AG to decide whether to allow Neal to continue overseeing an ongoing investigation related to Ogomoro.

Inos said the AG told him that he is "satisfied that there's no breach of ethical conduct

and so forth and so I told him to wrap that up and finalize it, put that to rest."

The governor said government lawyers should be "be very careful in their dealings with, out in the community, to be very mindful of the ethical standards."

"Even if there wasn't any breach, just the appearance of impropriety or ethical issues, is something that I'm really concerned about. We need to take care of that and fix our

house in order," Inos told reporters at a Department of Public Works project groundbreaking ceremony.

When asked whether Neal will continue to oversee investigations concerning Ogomoro, the governor said, "That's the AG's decision" and "I like for him to make that decision."

Ogomoro is among the defendants in an alleged police escort and alleged misappropriation case that also involves former attorney general Edward Buckingham, former governor Benigno R. Fitial, and other law enforcement officers.

In other news, the governor will be off to Pagan today along with local and federal officials to check on the U.S. Geological Services and contractor's seismography installations on the volcanic island.

MCV turns cable service back on at CHC for free

The Commonwealth Health Center received the gift of free cable for the rest of the year starting yesterday after MCV Broadband disconnected the service a couple of years back.

Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson, who served as guest speaker at yesterday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting at Pacific Islands Club, said they only found out that CHC's cable was disconnected a couple of days ago during a courtesy call of government agencies.

NTT Docomo, Docomo Pacific's parent company, acquired MCV Broadband in May to the tune of \$29.8 million.

"Last week a delegation from NTT Docomo Japan and Guam was here and we did the usual courtesy calls of government offices to keep them updated

about what's happening. We found out that since 2011 the hospital has been without cable TV service," said Nelson.

He said after some thought—a very short one—Docomo Pacific CEO Jay R. Shed called him and said "turn it back on free of charge and leave it on free of charge until the end of the year and we will sort this thing out."

And voila, cable TV service is now back on at the island's lone hospital for free.

"We went back to hospital this morning and talked to patients and families who are visiting and they said they enjoy free cable TV there and at least get some relief by enjoying some television," said Nelson.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. acting CEO Esther Muña said, "We are grateful for Do-

como for the generous donation and that we can have cable service back on for our patients."

The corporation, which operates CHC, has been having financial difficulty since it took over from the erstwhile Department of Public Health.

From an annual budget of as much \$38 million, the corporation was given a seed money of only \$5 million in 2011 and only some \$1.9 million ever since.

MCV Broadband is a supplier of cable television, telephony, and high speed Internet services in Commonwealth and Guam.

Before Docomo Pacific's acquisition it was owned by private equity firm Seaport Capital.

Docomo Pacific, meanwhile, operates four retail outlets in Guam and one on Saipan. (Mark Rabago)

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CDA: 29 loans in debt-relief program found delinquent

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REPORTER

A total of 29 borrowers under the Commonwealth Development Authority's debt-relief program are delinquent in their payments while 44 loans under CDA's direct loan program are similarly delinquent, according to loan manager Oscar Camacho yesterday.

Under the debt relief program, the agency restructures a loan up to a maximum of 30 years at 2 percent interest. Camacho said there are a total of

49 borrowers under this program with an outstanding balance of \$7.9 million.

Of the 49 borrowers, 29 are classified as delinquent, or those who failed to pay after a 30-day period. Of these 29, he said that only two or three loans are considered "bad" loans—or loans that potentially may never be repaid.

"When we do a cutoff on what is delinquent, we look at the 30 days and on. These 29 delinquents are not necessarily behind in 60 days or 90 days. They are within reason and we

only have maybe two or three 'bad loans,'" said Camacho.

The direct loan program, on the other hand, has a total of 48 borrowers with a collective outstanding balance of \$10.9 million.

Of these 48, majority (44) are delinquent (past 30 days).

The delinquency ratio under this program, Camacho said, is at \$8.9 million out of the \$10.9 million, which translates to 82 percent.

Under the debt-relief program, the delinquency ratio in cash value is \$3.1 million, or 39 percent. Delinquency ratio by population is about 59 percent.

Combining the cash delinquency for both debt-relief and direct loans, Camacho said the delinquency in cash value is about 64 percent.

Debt-relief and direct loans are just among the programs offered by the agency to help its borrowers fulfill their loan

obligations. Other loan types included judgment loans, buyback loans, write-off, and bankruptcy.

'About 200 loans out'

Camacho said that CDA has about 200 loan portfolios to date. This include the 49 loans in the debt relief program and 48 under the direct loans program.

Under the judgment loan category, the total portfolio is 49 loans with an outstanding balance of \$13 million and accrued interest of \$9.4 million.

Under the judgment category, there is no need to foreclose and auction property if the borrower can work something out with the CDA, according to Camacho.

Under the buyback, bankrupt, and write-off categories, "we have about 200 portfolios including the writeoff and other (categories)."

CDA is an autonomous agency created to stimulate economic development in the Northern Mariana Islands. Its mission is to provide economic loan funds to private and public sectors for economic development.

Delta donates two business class tickets for TOC hole-in-one prize

Delta Air Lines has donated two BusinessElite tickets to the U.S. as a hole-in-one prize at the upcoming Tournament of Champions on Aug. 3 and 4. The value of both tickets exceeds \$14,000.

"The Tournament of Champions has contributed greatly to the beautification of Saipan, and it continues to raise critical funds that benefit important projects, especially projects that benefit the CNMI's tourism industry," said Chris Concepcion of Delta Air Lines Sales and Marketing. "As in previous years, we are happy to be a part of this year's event again."

"We would like to thank Delta Air Lines for its sponsorship and its commitment to the event," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "The hole-in-one prize is sure to entice players to join the tournament."

The 18th Annual Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's East and West Courses on Aug. 3 and 4. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with

exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes.

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$500 cash, \$400 for second, \$300 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and \$100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$500, \$400 for second, and \$300 for third place. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will receive a trophy.

Hundreds of thousands worth of prizes is at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes on both the east and west courses. The tournament will also be featuring cash prizes for closest to pin competitions.

Since its inception, the Tournament of Champions has raised over \$500,000 for the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has gone directly to the improvement of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from



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Delta Airlines representatives hand Ben Babauta, center, the certificate for the two business class tickets to anywhere in the U.S. that Delta flies. The donation will be used as a hole-in-one prize in the upcoming Tournament of Champions on Aug. 3 and 4.

Garapan to the former Palm Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, the event has also raised funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

Most recently, funds raised from the tournament were used to help complete the revitalization project at Mt. Tapochao. The tournament also helped to provide much needed supplies for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council's "Adopt a Place" Program,

which promotes island beautification projects.

Registration for the two-day tournament is \$185, which includes a lunch banquet on the second day. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.tocsaipan.com. Please register before 12pm on Friday, Aug. 2,

2013, by submitting registration form and registration fee at the first floor of the DFS Galleria (next to the Foreign Currency Counter) or at Saipan Laolao. For more information about the event, contact Ben Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530. (PR)

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of June 20, 2013 minutes
5. Public Comments

B. Public Hearings

1. None

C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business.

1. Update on the Zoning Law of 2013

E. New Business

1. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session.

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogunoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

July 11, 2013

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. YCO Corporation	05/16/2013 SSm-2013-X-043	True Value Hardware Store	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Approved (07/02/2013)
2. Kanoa Resort	06/26/2013 SLRm-2013-X-045	Para Sailing Operation	Susupe	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review
3. Kanoa Resort SLRm-2013-X-046	06/26/2013	Banana Boat Operation	Susupe	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review
4. JY Corporation	06/28/2013 SLRm-2013-X-047	Scuba Diving Operation	Lagoon & Reef	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review
5. Kanoa Resort	0702/2013 SLRm-2013-X-048	Scuba Diving Operation	Susupe	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review
6. Capital Improvement Project	06/14/2013 SMS-201-X-049	Kalebera Cave Development	Marpi	Major Siting	Under Review

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

OAG: Rojo, BEH chief, employees eye settlement talks

Juvy Macahito Rojo, a businesswoman who is suing the Bureau of Environmental Health director and its three employees for alleged illegal entry into her home and seizure and destruction of her property, are looking at settlement discussions to resolve the lawsuit.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay disclosed

Monday that Rojo and the parties in the lawsuit want to begin settlement talks.

Lochabay made the disclosure in support of a bid to give the defendants more time to respond to the lawsuit.

Lochabay said that more time is necessary as the four defendants—BEH director John M. Tagabuel and BEH employees

Rosalia Kapileo-Igisaier (Kapileo), Mel Ngirausui, and Lau Laniyo—now must have separate attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General.

“At the motion to dismiss stage, this was not necessary as the defendants did not have potentially conflicting interests. The potential for conflict is now present, necessitating separate

attorneys,” he said.

Lochabay said the defendants were allowed to file answers to the lawsuit only 14 days from the date of the denial of their motion to dismiss. More time is needed, Lochabay said, for the assigned lawyers to meet with their clients.

Rojo filed the lawsuit in 2012 over the alleged seizure and destruction of her property, and for the defendants’ refusal to process her new catering business application.

Rojo alleged that in September 2010, Kapileo barged into the kitchen of her home at 7:30am without asking permission and

began barking penalties at her and her sister after finding them cooking food, accusing them of doing so illegally since their application for a catering business has yet to be approved.

Rojo said she explained that she was only cooking “for the workers at her mother’s house” and not for a catering business.

After slapping Rojo with \$1,500 fines, Kapileo then allegedly confiscated items that were in two refrigerators and a freezer. Kapileo also then allegedly called inspectors Ngirausui and Laniyo for assistance.

U.S. District Court for the

NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona recently issued a finding that Kapileo and Tagabuel appear to have abused their law enforcement powers to oppress Rojo.

Manglona said that Kapileo illegally entered Rojo’s home and illegally confiscated and destroyed her property.

The judge said that Kapileo’s superior, Tagabuel, ratified Rojo’s conduct.

Manglona ruled that Kapileo and Tagabuel plausibly lack qualified immunity from the lawsuit.

In the same order, Manglona determined that Laniyo and Ngirausui possess qualified immunity and dismissed them from the lawsuit. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Yvette’s parents take pride in her achievements

Ambrose and Lilliane Bennett are proud of their daughter’s achievements at the recent 2013 Miss USA International after Yvette made it to the Top 15 and brought home the Spirit Award.

“Although Yvette did not win the title she did win the Spirit Award. Capturing the Spirit Award speaks volumes about Yvette’s persona and her impact on the pageant,” said the Bennetts in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

Like her twin sister, Boise State University track and field athlete Yvonne, Yvette was born and raised on Saipan before winning the Miss Idaho U.S. International late last year, which became her ticket to join the 2013 Miss USA International held last month in Kissimmee, Florida.

Ambrose even hinted that Yvette could have barged into the Top 5—a sign of how well she presented herself in the national pageant.

“Yvette was approached by two of the judges who unofficially informed her that she was really among the Top 5 finalists

Drunk man arrested for throwing rocks

An intoxicated man was arrested Monday afternoon for allegedly throwing rocks at a man who was at his house in San Antonio on July 1.

Fiden Hamo Teregeyo, 24, was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace. He is being kept on a \$5,500 cash bail.

Police served Teregeyo with an arrest warrant on Monday afternoon.

Police detective Isapen Bokuku stated in his report that a police officer responded San Antonio on July 1 after a man called the Department of Public Safety at 5:17pm to report a rock throwing incident.

Bokuku said the police officer later arrested Teregeyo at the San Antonio Market after learning that he was responsible for the rock throwing.

Police preliminary investigation showed that Teregeyo and a friend were walking home from the San Antonio Beach when he threw rocks at a house on Lai-guan Avenue. One big rock hit the house’s fence, and another rock hit the front passenger door of the victim’s car. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

in their deliberation to select the title-holder. Yvette truly rocked the judges and the audience when she took the stage, based on the reports from her sister Yvonne who was in attendance,” said the former public school teacher representative.

Ambrose said her daughter is very happy and satisfied with the results of the competition and that she learned a lot more about the art of pageantry and how to win.

“National and international pageants are not just all about beauty but the ability of contestants to raise money and generate public support and public enthusiasm for them and their cause, their public leadership ability. The proof of this is in the details as it should be noted that the winner, Miss Colorado (Andrea Neu), had the most ‘liked’ votes over the web and Yvette was not far behind her,” added Ambrose.

So what’s next for Yvette? Her father said that Yvette will be competing in the upcoming Miss USA and/or the Miss America contests.

“The young ladies who win these national and international crowns usually spend years participating in pageants before winning the national title and Yvette realizes this and she is willing to do the work to make

it happen. Yvette is closer than ever to accomplishing her goal and the lessons she learns from the various pageants will surly help her to be even more successful in her quest to become one of America’s top beauty queens,” he said.

Ambrose said they will set up a network that can put their daughter over the top at the national level.

“We are going to make it our personal quest to help our daughter to reach her goal. Yvette sends *un dankolo na si yu’us ma’ ase yan* to all her supporters and especially to those who contributed and supported her on the Web as you made all the difference for her and she promises to do even better the next time around.” (*Mark Rabago*)

Prayer † to the HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit Thou who makes me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. AMEN.

Say this prayer for three days without mentioning the favor you are asking for. After the third day, the wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish this prayer as soon as your favor has been granted.



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Head Start Policy Council

AGENDA

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Special Meeting on Friday, July 12, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., Main Office Head Start Program, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda

II. New Business

1. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Supplemental Training & Technical Assistance Grant Application for FY 13-14

III. Reports

1. Update on 2013 Triennial Federal Review

IV. Miscellaneous Matters

V. Executive Session

VI. Next Meeting

VII. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at candace.celis@cnmipss.org.

/s/ Antonio Mesngon
Chairperson

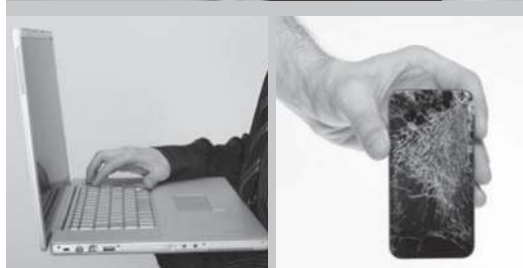
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Markova is newest Rotary member

The Rotary Club of Saipan on Tuesday welcomed its newest member in the person of Ekaterina Markova of Markova Tours Corp.

Her company arranges travel packages mainly for Russian tourists wishing to visit the Marianas—Saipan and Guam—and she herself has been involved in the travel industry the last five years.

Markova, who was a disc jockey in Russia before moving to Saipan, was sponsored by Rotary secretary Curtis Dancoe.

“Five years living on Saipan. I’m from Russia and in Russia we have a saying ‘Show me who your friends are and I can tell you who you are,’” she said in her short remarks at Hyatt Regency Saipan’s Giovanni’s Restaurant after being sworn in as a Rotary member. “I’m really happy and proud to be a part of your club. I love Saipan. I love nature and the



MARK RABAGO

Ekaterina Markova of Markova Tours makes her short remarks after being sworn in as Rotary Club of Saipan’s newest member last Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan. Looking on are Rotary Club secretary Curtis Dancoe, left, and president Laila Y. Boyer.

people here.”

Markova said she opened a tour company on Saipan because of that very premise—its warm tropical weather and its warm and welcoming people.

“If you walk on Saipan every people smile to you. Every sec-

ond, people know each other. I think if many Russians come here it will be good for Saipan and what’s good for Saipan is good for us.”

Rotary Club of Saipan president Laila Y. Boyer welcomed Markova on behalf of the board.

“While we can make you a member of our Rotary Club we cannot make you a Rotarian in the true sense of the word because that is a distinction which you must gain yourself. We welcome you not only for the fine fellowship we will share but also for the assistance you provide to help us carry out the club’s projects for the purpose of making our community, our country, and the world a better place to live in.”

She also challenged Markova to be a leader in her chosen vocation, which is tour services, and display those characteristics that enabled her to become a member of Rotary and to impart its message of service and goodwill.

Markova will be assigned to the club’s new generation services, which is headed by director Ivan Ilomov, which like her also hails from the former Soviet Union. *(Mark Rabago)*

Kluge to speak about Saipan

Acclaimed novelist P.F. Kluge will be the featured speaker at a reception hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Fiesta Resort and Spa from 6pm to 9pm on Friday, July 26.

Kluge is Writer-in-Residence at Kenyon College in Gambier Ohio. In addition to numerous books, he has written articles for national publications including Rolling Stone, Playboy, and National Geographic.

His talk, “Saipan Then, Saipan Now, Saipan Tomorrow,” will draw on his experience as a Peace Corps volunteer on Saipan from 1967 to 1969 and his numerous return visits to the island over the intervening half-century.

Saipan, in Kluge’s words “is an island he can’t let go of...and that doesn’t let go of him.”

During his talk, Kluge will share what he values about Saipan and what he worries about, reflecting on the past and wondering aloud about the future.

Tickets for this event are priced at \$25 per person and come with beer, wine, a variety of tasty hors d’oeuvres, and a chance to win an autographed copy of Kluge’s latest novel, *The Master Blaster*.

Tickets may be purchased from council board members and staff or at the council’s office in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai.

All proceeds from the event will be used by the Humanities Council to support programs and educational initiatives. *(NMI Humanities Council)*



Kluge



CAR SERVICE GIVEAWAY

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. staffer Keomi Palacios presents a gift certificate to the Pacifica Car Service Giveaway month of June winner Virginia Castro, who is joined by her two daughters. Castro will be entitled to one free Gold Service Package through Joeten Motors, which includes an oil change, adjustment of tire pressure, 28 multi-point inspection, and other services to a personal vehicle of her choice. The Giveaway is Pacifica’s 2013 promotion, which will run throughout the year. Only policyholders of Pacifica will be entered for the Giveaway monthly drawing.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



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Happy birthday greetings go out to Carmen B. Crisostimo! Thank you for all you do for us. We love you! Love, Ramon, Reina, Shar, Tina, Roy, Jr., Draven, and Franko Ray.



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Happy 31st birthday to Lorena Manibusan Lizama Cabrera! We love you from the moon and back. Enjoy your day. Love, Mama, Papa, Kiki, Kiara, Nini, Randy and the entire Mailibu family.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 11, 2005

Govt spending exceeds revenue

The government has spent \$150 million so far for the current fiscal year ending on May 31, which is \$11 million more than what it has collected during the period. In an updated budget report to the Legislature dated July 1, Gov. Juan N. Babauta said that FY05 revenue collection ending May totaled \$139 million, which he said was an increase of \$6 million from last year’s collection due to “steady increase in business gross revenues.” But he also said that FY05 General Fund expenditures amounted to \$150 million during the period partly due to the expenses incurred after the onslaught of two major disasters last year, direct hiring of nurses, decrease in garment industry revenues, as well as the recent power crisis at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Babauta stands pat on NECA requirement

Gov. Juan N. Babauta insisted that Verizon should be required to join the National Exchange Carrier Association, which Micronesia Telecommunications Corp. and prospective buyer Pacific Telecom, Inc. agreed to in a 2004 settlement agreement. Babauta and CNMI consumer counsel Brian Caldwell jointly opposed MTC and PTI’s request to reconsider some points in the Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission’s final order that allowed the companies to proceed with the sale of Verizon. Since last year, the companies have agreed to join the NECA as part of the 27-point agreement, which the companies reached with the interveners, Babauta and Caldwell, before settlement hearing officer Sean Emory Frink. The parties expected PTI’s membership to NECA to provide assistance to rate and tariff development, industry database management, compliance auditing, economic forecasting, trend analysis and regulatory policy analysis.

July 11, 2006

Liaison offices to close down

The Marianas Hawaii Liaison Office will be shut down at the end of this month, while a similar office in Guam is also in the process of closing. Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. disclosed yesterday that the Hawaii Liaison Office would be closed on July 31, 2006. “We’re still going to maintain the medical referral program, but the operations will be drastically scaled down,” Reyes said. “The Guam liaison office is also in the process of shutting down.” The closure of the CNMI’s off-island offices comes in view of the government’s cost-cutting efforts, according to Reyes. He said the administration hopes to save on rent and other expenses.

PSS to tighten belt on utility expenses

The Public School System will be tightening its utility consumption belt this coming school year after the Governor’s Office moved to transfer to PSS the burden of paying for utility expenses of at least 20 public schools. The central government will still be giving PSS its \$37.21 million budget based on the continuing resolution level, but it has put the system on notice that the Governor’s Office will no longer shoulder the utility expenses of public schools.

July 11, 2007

CUC warning out vs tap water

Test results on water samples taken from the southern part of Saipan’s public water system showed high levels of nitrate, prompting the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to issue a warning yesterday advising residents to refrain from giving the water to infants under six months old or to use it to make infant formula. CUC spokesperson Pamela Mathis said the public water system believes that these nitrate violations affect at least 5,000 customers in the southern part of Saipan. The tests were conducted by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-certified laboratory in California.

Change sought in status of FAS citizens’ relatives

Alien relatives of citizens of the Freely Associated States will be treated as guest workers if proposed amendments to immigration regulations are approved. The amendments, as proposed in the June 2007 issue of the Commonwealth Register, state that citizens of the Federal States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are aliens for the purpose of sponsoring immediate relatives.

Navy delivers water system to drought-stricken Kwajalein

By SAMANTHA J. WEBB
NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUPPORT ELEMENT WEST

EBEYE, Marshall Islands (NNS)—Members of Pacific Partnership 2013 worked with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to deliver a reverse osmosis water system donated by the U.S. Agency for International Development to Ebeye, an island in the Kwajalein Atoll of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 7.

The reverse osmosis system, donated about two years ago, was loaded onto a landing craft utility (LCU) in Ma-

juro, the capital city, about 140 miles from Ebeye.

From there, the LCU boarded amphibious dock-landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52), the command platform for Pacific Partnership 2013, which transported the system and the LCU to Ebeye, where only one of two reverse osmosis systems on the island is functioning - the other has been broken and waiting on a new part for more than a year.

The 15,000 residents of Ebeye rely on reverse osmosis to fill a 25,000-gallon tank at the Ebeye Purified Water Storage Facility, where they fill containers for drinking water, said

Julian Reimers, the general foreman for water and sewer operations on the island.

Officials agreed that the residents of Ebeye needed the water system months ago, but both cost and safety issues were associated with the 48-hour transit aboard a fuel barge, which was the only other feasible option to deliver the system, according to Romeo Alfred, manager of the Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utility Resource, which will house the new reverse osmosis system.

"The arrival of Pearl Harbor meant we had a mechanism to move it to Ebeye," said Dave Neville, an Australian employee

of IOM, who helped facilitate efforts to transport the reverse osmosis system between islands. "Pacific Partnership was kind enough to step in and move it, otherwise we would have had a difficult time."

U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Stephen Hunter, project coordinator on the Pacific Partnership side, said the mission was already scheduled to visit Majuro and Kwajalein. The reverse osmosis systems movement fit well with the mission's goals so there was no question on whether or not Pacific Partnership would help IOM.

Marshall Island civilians,

U.S. military, and international organizations worked together to successfully relocate the system.

"It has been nothing but smooth," said Hunter.

The coordination required across the different groups is a well-established trend on the Pacific Partnership 2013 mission, which involves ten partner nations working in coordination with six host nations.

"Without the entities working together, it wouldn't have happened," said Neville. "While the U.S. Navy offers a very specific capability, other partners offer very different capabilities. To-

gether, they can get lots done, but individually it would be very hard for any one organization to get this thing done right."

Alfred said that the help from IOM and the perfect timing of the Pacific Partnership mission has been a tremendous help for the whole community.

Pacific Partnership is a mission that brings host nation governments, U.S. military, partner nation militaries and non-governmental organization volunteers together to conduct disaster-preparedness projects and build relationships in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region to better respond during a crisis.



Participants from the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs recently received certificates for completing a Supervisory Management course facilitated by the Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute. Also pictured in this photo are CNMI Area Health Education Center program coordinator Orrin Pharmin, standing far left, and NMC Business Department chair and instructor for the course Chavel Green, seated second from left.

NMC

17 DCCA supervisors complete management course at NMC

Seventeen supervisors from the Department of Community Cultural Affairs recently completed a Supervisory Management course facilitated by the Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute.

The main purpose of the course is to help participants better understand their roles as supervisors by learning how to develop motivated, high performing teams and how to effectively work through challenges in order to achieve organizational goals. Some of the topics covered in the two-day intensive course included leadership,

time management, communication, change management, team work, conflict resolution, and crisis management.

"We would like to congratulate these participants from DCCA for investing their time and energy to learn how they can improve professionally," said acting CDI director Floyd Masga. "I believe that this will not only help the participants but will also have a positive impact on those they work with and the services they provide to the community."

"We are also glad to be able to offer these types of opportu-

nities and to continue working with DCCA," Masga added.

The course was offered in collaboration between the Department of Community Cultural Affairs and NMC's Community Development Institute, which is a program that offers a variety of professional courses in a range of fields.

For more information about the NMC Community Development Institute, contact the CDI Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1005/1010/1030 or email CDI program manager Les Ogu-moro-Uludong at logumoro@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)



BAR ASSOCIATION DONATION

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The CNMI Bar Association presented the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. yesterday with a donation in the amount of \$7,775. Over the last five years, the Bar Association has made a substantial annual donation to the MLSC in order to support the provision of much needed indigent legal services here in the CNMI. "The CNMI Bar Association very much appreciates the valuable service that the attorneys and staff at MLSC provide to our community. While almost all of the members of the private Bar voluntarily provide *pro bono* (for free) legal services to deserving members of our community, we realize that there is a much greater need out there than we can possibly provide and that the work that MLSC does plays a large and valuable role in our community," according to a Bar statement.

Grant opportunity for non-government groups

The Office of Grants Management, under the Office of the Governor, announced yesterday a federal grant opportunity for the USAID Development Grants Program.

The U.S. Agency for International Development, through the Development Grants Program, is inviting applications from private and voluntary organizations based in the United States and local non-governmental organizations to foster sustainable grassroots development through the support of local development initiatives and capacity strengthening of these organizations.

The objective of the grants program is to strengthen local non-governmental organizations and U.S. private and voluntary organizations, recognizing that a vibrant and active NGO sector is fundamental to promoting a

healthy civil society that is accountable and responsive to citizens' needs.

The DGP is managed in the Office of Innovation and Development Alliances, Local Sustainability Division. The Local Sustainability Division of IDEA works to improve the sustainability of civil society organizations by focusing on supporting innovative local development projects and capacity development.

Eligible applicants may apply for the grant on or before Aug. 8, 2013. For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=237329>.

For additional information, contact the Office of Grants Management at 664-2237 or via email at ivan.blanco@gov.mp. (Office of the Governor)

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Lessons of the Asiana crash

In the history of aviation accidents, Asiana Airlines Flight 214 will be remembered for the stunning images of the crash, the two teenagers who died and the more than 180 people who were injured. To anyone aboard the aircraft, it had to have been terrifying as the plane clipped and broke apart before skidding off the runway and catching fire.

And yet Flight 214 will be remembered most for how many people on the plane were able to get to safety, even walk away.

The death toll could have been much higher. It wasn't, partly due to the competence and courage of the flight attendants who acted quickly to get people down the emergency exits. One diminutive crew member was seen with tears streaming down her face as she carried a passenger on her back.

Passengers stepped up as well, with some freeing a flight attendant pinned by an inflatable slide and others helping travelers trapped in their seats. Police and firefighters rushed onto the plane as it was about to erupt in flames—putting their own lives on the line, as they so often do, in order to save people they don't know.

The reason so many passengers were able to escape ahead of the fire was not good luck but advanced technology: Fire-resistant materials kept it from spreading rapidly through the cabin, affording precious time.

Stricter standards for seats, imposed in recent years by the Federal Aviation Administration, made them less likely to break loose or disintegrate on impact. Planes are built so that everyone can get out within 90 seconds—even if half the doors won't open.

When asked whether it was a "miracle" for so many passengers to survive, the head of the National Transportation Safety Board demurred. "This was a survivable accident," said Chairman Deborah Hersman, who proceeded to emphasize: "The majority of airline crashes are survivable."

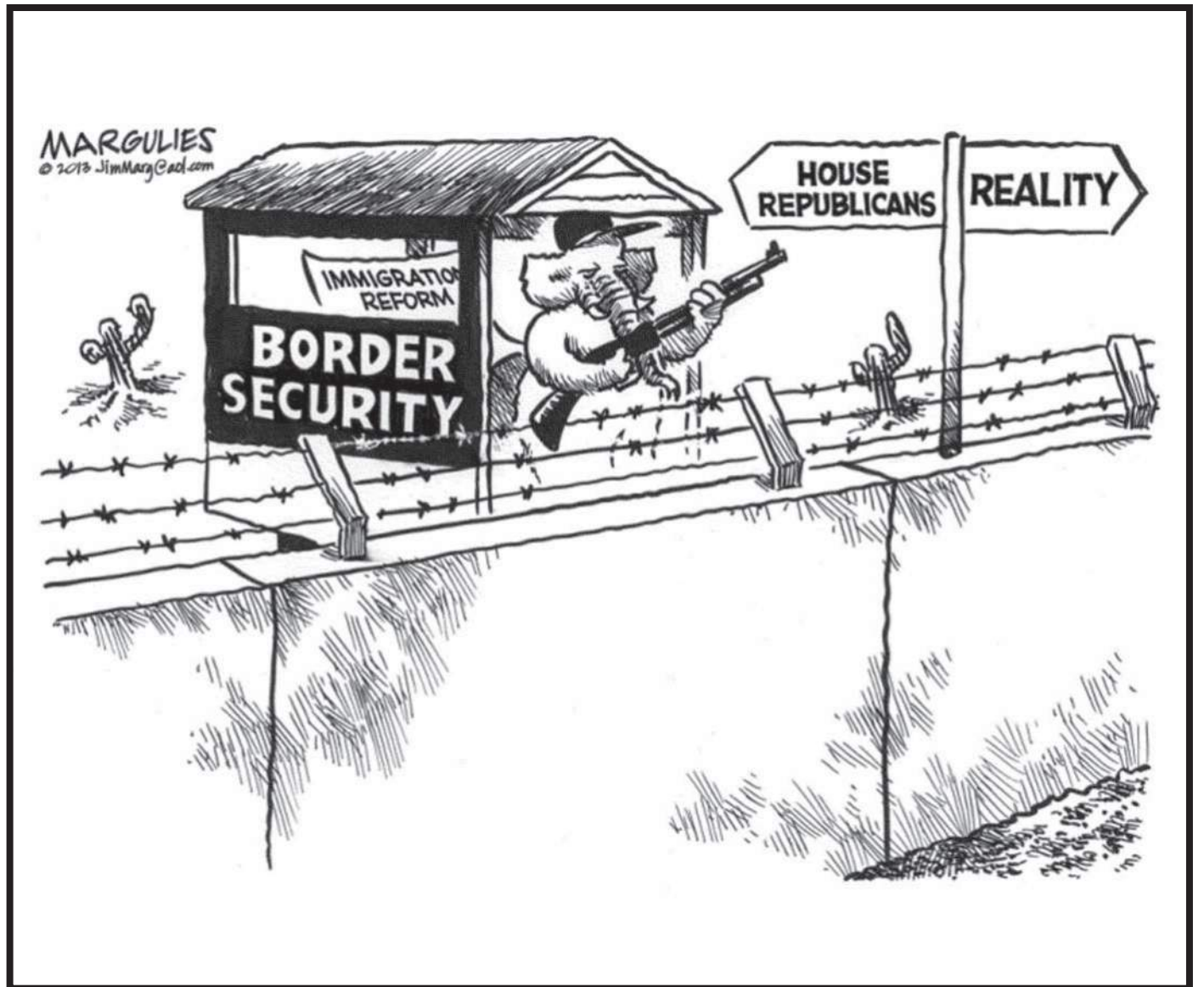
That wasn't always the case. But an even bigger change is that planes so rarely crash. The number of accidents per 100,000 hours flown has dropped sharply over the past decade and a half.

Fatal accidents have fallen even faster. In 1996, 340 people died in two crashes in this country. But until Saturday, there had not been a fatal accident in U.S. commercial aviation since 2009, when a Colgan Air turboprop plunged to earth in New York, killing 50. In February, MIT statistics professor Arnold Barnett told The New York Times that over the previous five years, the death rate for U.S. air travelers was one for every 45 million flights.

Some things are known about what happened at San Francisco International Airport: The jetliner was flying more slowly than it should have been on its approach, and pilots didn't realize the danger until it was too late to abort the landing. But it remains to be determined if one of them was at fault.

In time, the answers will emerge. And it's a good bet that they will be put to use making a highly safe aviation system even safer.

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7-11 and Szechuan

When I was a Mr. Mom within DC's beltway, my two children and I enjoyed taking a walk picking stray golf balls by the public golf club, and then ending up at 7-11 before discovering that my two kids were autistic and got high wired on dairy products. Next door to the convenience store was a Szechuan restaurant that I could only relish by smell since family members were all spice-allergic.

The U.S.-started convenience store company, bought by a Japanese group and gone worldwide, is flourishing in Hong Kong, and hopes to do similarly in Chongqing by the Yangtze. It might even savor the Szechuan flavor. It made headlines recently as some franchises in the U.S. East Coast abused undocumented immigrants through illegal employment.

Today is seven-eleven day to numerology-conscious acquaintances, a day of good luck. We are taking it from there. But first, savoring the Szechuan flavor.

The *labuyo*, the tiny pepper that is abundant on Tinian and a table staple at my Ilocano-in-Cagayan house when I was growing up, is pretty hot. Its Sichuan counterpart is longer, and has a sweet taste, but just as potent. *Szechuan* cuisine (the old spelling of the province retained globally for the culinary crowd) is characterized as hot, spicy, fresh, and fragrant. One literally sees red, as yellow is curry's color in Indian cuisine.

"Hohhot Hot Pot Sichuan hot" runs a line in one of the children's songs we sing in Oral English. Szechuan food is so hot that if one happens to snort the snout while savoring the food, it has the added effect of clearing the nasal canal all the way down to the esophagus.

Three years of Bicol express had prepared the palate for anything Sichuan will dish out. It is the effect on the posterior that gets getting used to, not to mention the frequency of the bathroom call. In a setting when we have to relearn the Asian squat, that is not a source of convenience, let alone comfort.

It is another Sichuan flavor, equally hot and spicy, that we recall. Sometime back, we did a series on the House of Horus (the falcon headed son of Isis and Osiris whose pagan house of worship some referred to as a "whore" house) in Oleai and made the acquaintance of a Sichuan lady in her late thirties who for \$12,000 bought a 3-year contract in China to work at a garment factory on Saipan. She figured that at the minimum wage at the time, she could recoup her initial investment in a year. She invested all her savings plus loans from relations for the sake of a daughter smart enough to qualify to attend university.

Three months later the company went belly-up, her contract invalid as only 1-year contracts signed on Saipan were recognized in the CNMI, and she was up the creek without a paddle (having seen

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half of Sichuan's terrain, the analogy is most appropriate).

"I need \$1,500 monthly to send to my daughter," she said. "If you take me, I will keep house for you and make you happy." It was a very nice proposition that I was in no position to consider.

Her commercial perspective was inserted daily into my Chengdu Home Inn's door this week in the form of two calling cards. They had pictures of beautiful young ladies not in lewd postures one expects from solicitations. The offer was for the company of a young virgin. China is known for hymen surgery. I smirked a smile.

We thought of the Sichuan lady on Saipan who, five years and a legal case later, is still practicing the profession, having faithfully remitted her earnings home, pinching pennies in her daily existence in the hovel she calls home, especially now that the dollar has depreciated by 25 percent to the dollar. Her daughter built a house so that a more secure and comfortable future awaits mother. Of course, back home, they think she is working hard at a garment factory. She might still be in the CNMI if the judicial process had taken its time to adjudicate her case, or, given the time she has legally spent in a U.S. territory, might have applied for the green card!

When one out of every five residents of the planet is Chinese, we would not blame residents in the overpopulated provinces of Sichuan and Fujian to find ways to migrate elsewhere. At the moment, Africa is getting the best and worst of what China has to offer, with charges of tourists engaging in unauthorized trade like mining and human trafficking thick on the portfolio against Zhongguo.

Meanwhile, our attempt to get a franchise to run a 7-11 as part of our retirement package did not pan out. Might as well, the franchise plan being too utilitarian for our romantic propensities, so we will stay with language pedagogy and explore the pristine regions of many young Chinese minds.

We still like it Szechuan hot, and we suspect that this trip to the Sichuan plateau and basin, and the mountain valleys and gorgeous gorges, bathroom calls notwithstanding, we will stick close to our chicken *kung pao*, *wonton* soup and *dada* noodles. As to the virgins, even the immaculately religious type, we'll pass!

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Dinaña' Satbasion

Sumen na' chatsaga para ta huñgog na megai gi tautau-ta man-tai che'chu' na tiempu. Gi halom sais mit (6,000) ni man-tai offisiu, kuantu mohan gi halom este na numeru tautau tanu'?' Haf' na man-tai chechu' este siha na tautau-ta'?

Ti bai' choneg papet inasogne sa' tai bali. Lau bai' suhun papet "inaya ginen un' pahina" 'nai siña ta dañae' todus gi inaligau satbasion este na asunto. Gi hilu' pinasensia mauleg ta atan haf' i mas chadeg na satbasion.

I uttimu katsu ni sumustetene ekonomian tano'ta gaige gi industrian turista. Esta ha tutuhon bimirague' tatte gi yanu na plaset hinemlu'. Estague' na tiempu 'nai debi tanae' animu chumogue todou man-presisu pot para ta ayuda humomlu' sin dition.

Maila' ta tutuon gi che'chu' ginagag gi todou patte gi tano'ta siha. Ta choneg lokue' aseguru na safu i lugat-ta katkuet lugat. Ta abiba bisita-ta yan tai achagui na felisitasion natibu. 'An tachogue este mas bula u fan mattu mage giya Marianas. Este na adelantu ha mutiplika-gue' gi rinikohen mas tax para usun tautau-ta gi bandan setbisiun publiku.

'Nai mas ta adelanta este na industria, siempre fuetsau ha baba mas bisnis pot para u katsu operasioña guine. Guaha gi tautau-ta siña man-bisnis ya u fañau nau gi kinalamten setbisiu para bisita-ta siha.

Ha choneg este mas fiñkas ni sumasaunau ma-tax. Ennau na tax humanau halom gi kahan iya Marianas. Dispues, tinatiye este ni finañagon mas cho'chu' gi hotel siha yan otu siha bisnis. Estague' na rason na mauleg ta pasensiaye patte-ta umasegura na gasgas, safu yan mauleg na felisitasion oppan ginen i tautau-ta siha.

Ti mapot haf' presisu tachogue kumu hita direktamente rumesise benefisiun koble 'sino fiñkas este na industria. Fana'gue lokue' famaguon siha ginagag, safu na hinanau yan motmut felisitasion natibu gi fasun niha.

I puntu: Ta choneg muna' gasgas, safu yan motmut felisitasion tano'-

ta gi dinaña para tana' homlu' mas i industrian turista. Gi hilu' este mas hanae' hit kampu para ta atan adelantu gi otu patte siha gi ekonomian iya Marianas.

Lastron tata gi inai

Mientras sige turista man-adulalag gi halom tasi hulu' esta'i inai, sige i amku' ha akanteha finalagun tiau yan manineñ.

Gi primet tapada, bula i lagua' gi sinturaña. Ha katsague' ya mapos para i karetaña. Gaige gi santatte dos ñietu sige umachatge 'an ma-ad-dañgua' lastro bihon niha ya ti mahagu' sa' anchu mampos.

Dos mafattu gi hinasoghu: 1.) I leksion ni gaige gi lastron bihon niha. 2.) Haf' mohan para u chogue yan kada unu gai Iphone.

Gi primet puntu ileghu na 'an manae' animu, ti u fan ñalañ sa' esta malie' sustansian tumalaya. Gi segundu patte, taya ineyag sa' kase kontodu bihon niha ma-text, dispues kesabesgue' i amku' haf' gaige gi Iphone.

Dañkulu na tinilaika fuetsau tumunog gi halom i man-hoben na hinerasion. I hagas fafayita gi bandan kuttura ti umachogue. I pisun finana'gue mana' tai bali gi linala' niha sa' chagu' yan i pisu 'nai man-makreansa hit. Guaha mohan kampun saina umaregla este na tinilaika?

Dañkulu na tinilaika ha bali halom usun modetnu siha na trastes deste Iphone, Ipad, Kindle, yan otu siha kosas ni kulan maseñala kumu usun man-hoben. Lokue', gi finatton mafanana'an "Digital Age"—usun modetno na trastes ni finañagun technology—kase i famaguonta ti u fan talaya gi kanton tasi solu buente gi inyon niha Iphone. A' Saina!

Mana' dinalag

Hagas hu taka' haf' sustansian mana' dinalag piot gi halom tanu'. Huñgan, guaha siha lugat trahiha man-diskalenta 'nai debi un' gai respetu 'an man-bisita hau. Kanaha' todou kinalamten-mu presisu na u guaha motmut

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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na respetu.

Pot ihemplo: Man-huyun grupon kasadules man-e'binadu un' pueñge giya Magpi'. Man-apatte lugat kosake un' chalan ha' i mapake na binadu 'nai u oggan. Mapega unu gi sanpapa' lau tulanoche ni haf' na buruka hiniñogña.

'Nai manana si Yuus, mafaisen haf' na ni un' biahe 'nai pagpag pakiña lau hagas mafuegu gi ge'hilu' mas ke siñku na binadu. Esta mume'nan Yuus i prohimo na ni unu malofan gi fihofia. Ha birague' tatte gi lugat 'nai mata'choñg tula noche. Ha soda' kalabaranulun tau-tau ni hafatachuñge guihe na pueñge. Ti ha hasñgon fumatachuñge i kalabera lau ni guiya ti ninae' suetteña kelaguen binadu.

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Diariu hu sosoda' man-anaku' na gapotulun palao'an gi halom offisina-hu un' tiempu. Sige hu abirigua kau guaha umu'usa offisina-hu 'an pueñge. Ni unu gi tautau-hu.

Un' pueñge mientras chumuchupa-yu' gi santatte hule' dos hog-su' sabana ni umasuda' gi talu' ya sige papa' esta'i offisinin mame. Hu sospecha na hagas chalan mañaina-ta deste antigu na tiempu. Hu konfitna suspichoghu ya man-gagau-yu' dispensu. Desde ayu pumara machalapon gapotulu.

Force-feeding—Guantanamo's shame

By **ALKA PRADHAN, KENT EILER and KATHERINE HAWKINS**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

At least 106 of the 166 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay detention center are reported to be on hunger strike, with 45 currently being force-fed.

A recently published report by the Constitution Project's Task Force on Detainee Treatment, to which we contributed, found that the practice of forced feeding at Guantanamo was "a form of abuse and must end." A member of the task force, Dr. Gerald Thomson, described the process: "You are forced physically to eat, by being strapped into a specially made chair and having restraints put on your arms, your legs, your body and your head so that you cannot move. (You have) a tube inserted into your throat that extends into your stomach, and you're trying to resist that with the only muscles that are free—in your throat." Detainees have said that it is intensely painful.

When the restraint chairs were first introduced to Guantanamo in December 2005, the force-feeding process was reportedly especially punitive. Several detainees said that guards kept them in a restraint chair for hours after the tube feeding ended—sometimes for as long as six hours. The military says that the restraint chairs prevent assaults on U.S. personnel, but a detainee whose condition has deteriorated such that force-feeding is medically necessary to sustain life is unlikely to have the physical ability to commit assault.

At least two detainees were force-fed in the chair twice a day for close to four years. By 2009, the process was less prolonged and brutal, but the restraint chair was still used for every feeding regardless of a detainee's compliance, according to an independent physician who visited Guantanamo and examined detainees. She found that the force-feeding procedure caused physical pain and psychological harm that in one case became full-blown post-traumatic stress disorder.

Another detainee, Tariq Ba Awdah, has told lawyers that he has been force-fed for six years, and he is still on a hunger strike. Doctors have a duty to preserve life, but they also have a duty to respect patients' autonomy and not to subordinate their medical judgment to prison authorities. As the World Medical Association's Declaration of Malta states: "Fostering trust between physicians and hunger strikers is often the key to achieving a resolution that both respects the rights of the hunger strikers and minimizes harm to them."

Therefore, doctors should be assessing the hunger striker to determine whether he is mentally competent, whether he is suicidal, and whether he is being pressured by other detainees into fasting. Clinicians need to be able to counsel patients about the risk of permanent injury or death, and about measures that can be taken to mitigate those risks.

Above all, as required by their medical ethics, doctors need to be able to act in their individual patient's best interest and exercise their independent clinical judgment.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, the World Medical Association and the American Medical Assn. all oppose force-feeding of prisoners as a violation of medical ethics. Pentagon officials are no doubt sincere in wanting to keep detainees alive. But they also view hunger strikes as a means of "asymmetrical warfare," as the Guantanamo commander told task force staff when they visited the prison in February 2012.

That belief probably influenced the response to the current hunger strikes. On April 13, the military placed nearly every captive on lockdown in single cells. Since then, there have been at least two suicide attempts. Fortunately, neither succeeded, but a Muslim adviser to the prison recently told reporters that he expected "more than one death" to result from the current hunger strike.

Putting detainees in lockdown and force-feeding them in restraints can postpone deaths, but it cannot prevent them indefinitely. Prolonged force-feeding carries its own medical risks, and Guantanamo detainees have killed themselves even in the highest security sections of the prison. There have been seven suicides.

In 2010, 86 prisoners at Guantanamo—including several currently

Letter to the Editor

Flawed system

According to John DelRosario's column yesterday, "the tourism industry is on a resurgent track (rebound) and how fitting it is to regroup to ensure it stays the course to full recovery. To ignore it is to place the mat of eventual collective destruction right at our front door. The CNMI can't afford a casual attitude on this industry at this juncture. ...It's a do-or-die situation. Let's pick the former so we move forward together."

We like the idea of "do or die situation" relating to our tourism in the CNMI. The author above mentioned something about us as a whole needs to work together to make our tourist industry prosper. He stated that millions of tourists visit other parts of the world like Hawaii, Hong Kong and we need to improve our tourist industry to attract such tourists to the CNMI.

Such a proposal sound dandy but as you dig further into our economic situation in the CNMI one will understand the dire need to have strict enforcement and severe punishment toward businesses that violate our laws. We observed several tour companies in the CNMI for several months. Many tour guides take their customers (tourists) to certain spots on the island of Saipan and we found many discrepancies in how such businesses maximize their profit margin without paying for it. We followed several tour guides' ways of doing business in the CNMI and we came to the conclusion that many

of them are getting away with not paying their share of the taxes on their revenues each month. Some use private vehicles to take their customers around the island and in the process they get away from paying wages and fees for the vehicles used to transport tourists. You may visit a tour guide office and you may observe that it is a one-person operation. If you observe how many tourists one tour guide company would haul to a particular place on Saipan in a given week or month and the revenue that they report to our government each month is being underreported. How in the world would a tour guide make only \$1,000 a month and they have five brand new SUV's taking tourists around our island each and every day. If we figure the expenses of the upkeep, the payments, and insurance for each vehicle that is being used for their operation, it will not justify their business gross revenue tax reports.

Some tourists are being provided with tax-exempt alcohols, liquors and beverages. When tourists are taken to an establishment or a back door club at night, some are served tax-exempt beverages, liquors, and beers. For example, each 30 pack of tax-exempt beer acquired, an establishment makes roughly \$100 tax free. So if we make a rough estimate, our lost revenue adds up to millions of dollars annually in the form of lost excise taxes, container taxes, beautification taxes, and alcohol taxes. The point we are trying to make is that our system of collecting taxes is flawed or defective and you may bring millions of tourists to the CNMI but we will continue to suffer.






Segundo Castro

Marpo Valley, Tinian

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼80
Palau	Showers	▲85 ▼75
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼75
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼80

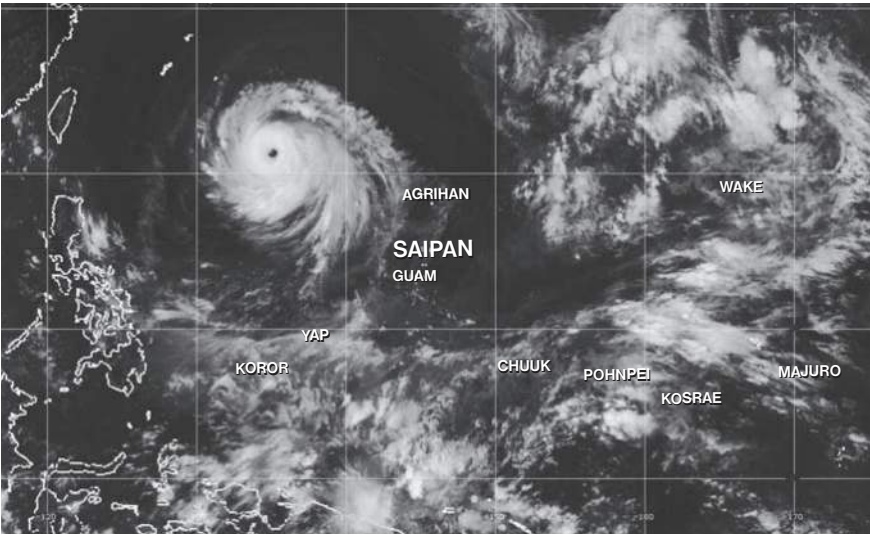
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲57 ▼49
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲79 ▼70
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼81
Honolulu	Sunny	▲86 ▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼67
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼80
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲62 ▼45
Miami	Showers	▲87 ▼78
New York	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼74
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲92 ▼76
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼55
Pusan	Windy	▲81 ▼73
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲84 ▼67
Salem	Sunny	▲84 ▼52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼53
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲79 ▼74
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲96 ▼78
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼75

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
4:50 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
9:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
4:46 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	
11:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Soulik (07W) is centered 655 miles northwest of Saipan at 21N135E and is moving west at 15 mph with maximum sustained winds of 145 mph. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms are occurring within 110 miles of the center. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found farther from the center between 17N and 24N from 132E to 142E. For more information on Typhoon Soulik, see the public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WWMY80 PGUM and the warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. An upper-level trough extends southwestward from a low centered north of Wake Island near 25N166E to end near 8N145E. This system is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Minami Tori Shima to Wake Island between 15N and 25N from 152E to 175E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Koror, Yap and Chuuk or south of a line from 6N130E to 6N146E to 2N153E. A surface trough extends north from south of Pohnpei at 2N160E to 10N163E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found across Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshall Islands between 3N and 15N from 157E to 169E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Friday	5:54 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:04 AM	8:47 PM
Friday	8:53 AM	9:27 PM
Saturday	9:42 AM	10:06 PM
Sunday	10:31 AM	10:46 PM
Monday	11:23 AM	11:29 PM

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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:10am 6:20am 1, 4, 5, 7	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL298 10:25am 3:05pm Daily DL288 8:15pm 12:50am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) OZ606 2:20am 6:00am 1 OZ606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ604 3:30pm 6:55pm Daily	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:05pm 1:55am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) 3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN OZ603 8:50am 2:20pm Daily OZ605 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 OZ605 8:15pm 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) MU764 4:10am 8:00am 1, 5	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN 3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) 3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6	BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN MU763 7:55pm 3:10am+1 4, 7
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Business

Resume coach gives workers a hand in frustrating job market

By MARA LEE
THE HARTFORD COURANT

When Marcia LaReau was laid off from the human resources job she'd held at Cigna for five years, co-workers who knew her asked: "Will you help me find a good job?"

LaReau had specialized in coaching new hires who weren't integrating well, as she diplomatically puts it, and co-workers knew that meant she could help people figure out exactly what kinds of jobs played to their strengths.

LaReau initially thought the business she founded because of those requests would be built around helping fresh college graduates figure out what direction they should go. But as the economy tanked in 2008, she found her year-old coaching business, Forward Motion, shifting to displaced mid-career workers, and that's still true five years later.

Generally, the people who come to her are not having near-misses, where they are getting to in-person interviews for advertised openings but the company ends up going with another candidate. Most of her clients are applying to jobs through online systems and hearing nothing back. "Everyone finds it as this black hole," she said.

LaReau helps them expand

and rewrite their resumes, and she talks to HR workers around the region to figure out the filters. She even gets permission from them to submit mock resumes to see which ones result in a call for a phone interview.

The business world has tried to turn hiring into an automated, industrial process, but it's not very good at it, she said. "They want the perfect person. That's not how it works."

She develops relationships with HR officials, telling them she will help them find the right person faster, and with outside recruiters, telling them she will help them build their reputations.

But the relationships she develops with her clients are most critical. "They feel like a failure because they lost a job. They feel like a failure because they don't have a job," LaReau said. She said many of her clients tell her: "I never needed help to get a job before."

So she said her first task is "putting that person back together."

One example of her ability to do that is this concrete advice on how to fight the feelings of hopelessness that unemployment can bring.

LaReau said that, on average, a client spends three months working with her before he or she finds work. The cost is often \$2,200 to \$2,500, but she allows rank-and-file unemployed

people to pay some of it after they get back to work. (About 35 percent of her clients are in jobs and trying to figure out a better career path, and 30 percent of the unemployed workers were high-level executives.)

While gaps in employment can knock candidates out of the running, LaReau said they are not a problem when candidates explain how they have used the time.

"Every single individual has a reason not to hire them. They have to be handled on the cover letter and the resume, or they're not going to get a job."

For instance, she helped a recent graduate with below a 2.0 grade point average land a career-track job. He explained his poor grades by showing how he threw himself into theater productions, and how that prepared him for the work world.

LaReau has lived the career transitions that she shepherds clients through. She was a music professor and an orchestra conductor before becoming a software quality tester, and then a trainer at major insurance companies. She hopped from a \$23,000 job in testing, to a middle-class job to The Hartford, to a six-figure salary at Cigna.

She said the outplacement firm working with people laid off from The Hartford thought she was crazy to shoot for a six-figure salary.

Don't start a cold war over a social norm

QUESTION: I share an office with "Megan," who always says "bless you" when I sneeze. I think this is a silly habit, so when she sneezes, I say nothing. Recently, Megan scolded me for being rude when I failed to bless one of her sneezes. What's the best way to handle this?

ANSWER: Blessing sneezes is like saying "excuse me" when you bump into someone. Despite having no basis in logic, it has become an expected social custom. So the real question is not whether these blessings have a valid purpose, but whether the relationship with your officemate matters to you.

Megan obviously believes that blessing a sneeze signifies caring and respect, so her feelings are slightly hurt every time you fail to do so. Currently, the two of you are playing a ridiculous game in which Megan sneezes, then quietly waits to see if you will respond. Meanwhile, you sit in stony silence just to make your point. Does this not seem rather juvenile?

So here's your choice. If the relationship is important, then saying "bless you" is simply a minor courtesy which will cost you nothing. On the other hand, if you choose to stand your ground, at least help Megan understand your motivation.

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

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For example: "Megan, even though I know it seems rude to you, I have always felt that saying 'bless you' after a sneeze is a meaningless gesture. For that reason, I never say it to anyone, so I want you to know that I am not being disrespectful. It's just something that I don't do."

If this explanation seems a bit awkward and contrived, perhaps it's because staunchly refusing to bless a sneeze is actually just as silly as doing so.

Q: My company employs a lot of people in contract positions. Sometimes these contractors are allowed to conduct performance appraisals on employees. Does this sound like a good business practice?

A: The obvious answer—and the one I expect you are looking for—would seem to be no. But you might be surprised to learn that in some situations this policy could be appropriate.

These days, organizations use contract employees in a wide variety of roles. Contractors can be found managing important projects and even holding executive positions. Some companies have actually employed contract CEOs on an interim basis.

If the contractor is a full-time manager who directly supervises a staff, then that person is the logical choice to assess their performance. Nevertheless, such a decision should always be reviewed by legal experts and approved by top management. Under any other circumstances, the practice would be questionable.

When someone else is preparing appraisals, however, it is perfectly appropriate for contractors to provide feedback on employees with whom they have worked. Including input from a variety of credible sources always increases the validity of a performance review.

Nation

NTSB: Pilots relied on automatic speed control



In this photo provided by the National Transportation Safety Board, on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, Investigator in Charge Bill English, foreground, and NTSB Chairwoman Deborah Hersman discuss the progress of the investigation into the crash of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 in San Francisco.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP)—The pilots of Asiana Flight 214 relied on automated cockpit equipment to control the jetliner's speed as they landed at San Francisco airport, but realized too late they were flying too low and too slow before the aircraft crashed, investigators said Tuesday.

The new details were not conclusive about the cause of Saturday's crash, but they raised potential areas of focus: Was there a mistake made in setting the automatic speed control, did it malfunction or were the pilots not fully aware of what the plane was doing?

One of the most puzzling aspects of the crash has been why the wide-body Boeing 777 jet came in far too low and slow, clipping its landing gear and then its tail on a rocky seawall just short the runway. The crash killed two of the 307 people and injured scores of

others, most not seriously.

Among those injured were two flight attendants in the back of the plane, who survived despite being thrown onto the runway when the plane slammed into the seawall and the tail broke off.

National Transportation Safety Board chairman Deborah Hersman said the autothrottle was set for 157 mph and the pilots assumed it was controlling the plane's airspeed. However, the autothrottle was only "armed" or ready for activation, she said.

Hersman said the pilot at the controls, identified by Korean authorities as Lee Gang-guk, was only about halfway through his training on the Boeing 777 and was landing that type of aircraft at the San Francisco airport for the first time ever. And the co-pilot, identified as Lee Jeong-Min, was on his first trip as a flight instructor.

Autothrottles typically have three settings—off, on and armed. An autothrottle that is armed but not on will remain at its previous speed, which was probably near idle, said Doug Moss, a pilot for a major U.S. airline and an aviation safety consultant in Torrance, Calif. Pilots will frequently shift to idle off and on when preparing to land in order to descend faster.

The pilot flying the plane had turned off his flight director, while the training captain had his flight director on, Hersman said. The flight director computes and displays the proper pitch and bank angles required in order for the aircraft to follow a selected path.

In most airliners, an autothrottle will not turn on if one flight director is off and one on because it has to work in harmony with the flight directors—both need to be either on or off, Moss said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Thousands of Calif inmates refuse meals in protest

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Nearly 30,000 of the 133,000 inmates in California prisons refused meals for the second day in support of inmates held in solitary confinement at Pelican Bay State Prison, corrections officials said Tuesday. The meals were refused on Monday and Tuesday as inmates announced what they said would be the third extended hunger strike in two years protesting conditions for the more than 4,500 gang members, gang associates and serious offenders held in the security housing units. Many of those inmates are kept in solitary confinement, sometimes for decades.

6 dismissed in 1st day of Fort Hood murder trial

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)—The Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage declined to ask potential jurors any questions Tuesday as jury selection finally began in his long-awaited murder trial. Maj. Nidal Hasan, who is serving as his own attorney, didn't take notes or confer with his former defense attorneys who will help if he

asks. During the nearly two-hour proceeding with the first group of 20 potential jurors, Hasan sat quietly in his wheelchair as the judge gave preliminary instructions and read about 300 witness names to find out if any of the Army officers knew them. Hasan, 42, faces execution or life without parole if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 count of attempted premeditated murder.

Crews burn brush near homes in Vegas-area wildfire

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Fire crews burned forest undergrowth Tuesday near homes in the mountains northwest of Las Vegas to protect them from one of two large Nevada wildfires while local casino owners offered rooms to evacuees. The wildfire burning northwest of Las Vegas was within a quarter-mile of homes and has charred an area nearly the size of Manhattan, authorities said. Billowing smoke were visible Tuesday from downtown and fine ash fell nearby. In northern Nevada, more than 1,060 firefighters worked to stem the spread of a bigger but more remote wildfire that grew Monday to 40 square miles in the Pine Nut Mountains southwest of Reno.



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Asia

Roadside bomb kills 17 in Afghanistan



An injured Afghan child is treated at a hospital after a roadside bomb in the Obi district of Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A roadside bomb struck a motorcycle-drawn cart carrying women and children between two villages Tuesday in western Afghanistan, killing all 17 people on board, a grim reminder of the dangers facing Afghan civilians ahead of the 2014 withdrawal of foreign combat troops.

International troops already have pulled back into a largely advisory and training role as they try to prepare Afghan soldiers and police to take over their own security. That effort has been marred by a series of attacks by Afghan troops or insurgents disguised in their uniforms.

In the latest so-called insider attack, an Afghan soldier opened fire on Slovakian troops in the southern city of Kandahar, killing one and wounding six others.

The roadside bomb that struck the cart was aimed at stopping a joint patrol of Afghan soldiers and police that was pursuing a group of Taliban militants in the western province of Herat, local police Lt. Sher Agha said. But

the bomb exploded next to the cart carrying the villagers, killing 12 women, four children and a man, Agha said.

Another roadside bomb exploded near a taxi in the southern province of Helmand, killing three civilians and wounding two, provincial government spokesman Ummar Zawaq said.

About 1,000 Afghan civilians have been killed and more than 2,000 wounded in the first half of the year, according to the U.N. That marked a 24 percent increase in casualties compared to the same period last year.

In the south, an Afghan soldier opened fire on Slovakian NATO troops guarding Kandahar Air Field, base commander Gen. Abdul Raziq Sherzai said.

In Slovakia, Defense Minister Martin Givac confirmed one soldier was killed and six others wounded, including two seriously, in what he condemned as “a terrorist attack.”

Givac said the soldier opened fire from a guard tower.

Kandahar government spokesman Javid Faisal said the Afghan soldier had been taken into custody and ques-

tioned, and that the preliminary investigation has so far indicated the shooting may have been an accident.

If the shooting is confirmed as an insider attack, the Slovakian soldier would be the ninth NATO service member killed by Afghan forces this year, according to an Associated Press count. The NATO coalition has said it suffered 29 fatalities in 2011 to insider attacks, and 62 in 2012.

The attacks have shaken the trust between the international forces and their Afghan forces at a time it is needed most as the withdrawal deadline approaches.

President Hamid Karzai issued a plea to the Taliban to respect the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins Wednesday in Afghanistan. He called on the movement to “take the way of peace, compassion and kindness and stop killing people.”

But the Taliban quickly rejected Karzai’s plea, saying that for them, jihad, or holy war, is an even greater obligation during Ramadan.

Lama has deviated from Tibetan Buddhist tradition and remains intent on splitting Tibet from China, the party’s fourth-ranking official, Yu Zhengsheng, said Tuesday on a visit to a Tibetan area of the western province of Gansu. Yu said the exiled Tibetan Buddhist leader’s proposal for a “middle way” of meaningful autonomy for all traditionally Tibetan areas is in opposition to China’s constitution and policies on self-governance by ethnic minorities.

3 rescued in bridge collapse amid China flooding

BEIJING (AP)—Three people were pulled from a raging river but six others remained missing following a bridge collapse Tuesday in mountainous western China amid heavy flooding that has forced thousands to evacuate their homes. The official Xinhua News Agency said one sedan, three minivans and one SUV fell into the torrent when the more than 40-year-old Qinglian bridge broke apart just before noon in the city of Jiangyou in the western province of Sichuan.

World

Egypt pushes transition, naming PM

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt’s military-backed interim leader named a new prime minister and won \$8 billion in promises of aid from wealthy Arab allies in the Gulf on Tuesday in moves aimed at stabilizing a political transition less than a week after the army deposed the Islamist president.

The armed forces warned political factions that “maneuvering” must not hold up its ambitious fast-track timetable for new elections next year. The sharp message underlined how strongly the military is shepherding the process, even as liberal reform movements that backed its removal of Mohammed Morsi complained that now they are not being consulted in decision-making.

The Muslim Brotherhood denounced the transition plan, vowing to continue its street protests until ousted

Morsi, the country’s first freely elected president, is returned to power.

The appointment of economist Hazem el-Beblawi as prime minister, along with the setting of the accelerated timetable, underlined the military’s determination to push ahead in the face of Islamist opposition and outrage over the killing of more than 50 Morsi supporters on Monday.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates provided a welcome boost for the new leadership. The two countries, both opponents of Morsi’s Muslim Brotherhood, celebrated his ouster by showering the cash-strapped Egyptian government with promises of \$8 billion in grants, loans and badly needed gas and oil.

In doing so, they are effectively stepping in for Morsi’s Gulf patron, Qatar, a close ally of the Brotherhood that

gave his government several billion in aid. During Morsi’s year in office as Egypt’s first freely elected president, he and his officials toured multiple countries seeking cash to prop up rapidly draining foreign currency reserves and plug mounting deficits—at times getting a cold shoulder.

The developments underlined the pressures on the new leadership even with the country still in turmoil after what Morsi’s supporters have called a coup against democracy.

The military faces calls, from the U.S. and Western allies in particular, to show that civilians are in charge and Egypt is on a path toward a democratically based leadership. The nascent government will soon face demands that it tackle economic woes that mounted under Morsi, including fuel shortages, electricity cutoffs and inflation.

Russia: Syrian rebels made, used sarin nerve gas

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Russia’s U.N. ambassador said Tuesday that Russian experts determined that Syrian rebels made sarin nerve gas and used it in a deadly chemical weapon attack outside Aleppo in March.

Ambassador Vitaly Churkin blamed opposition fighters for the March 19 attack in the government-controlled Aleppo suburb of Khan al-Assal, which he said killed 26 people, including 16 military personnel, and injured 86 others.

The rebels have blamed the government for the attack. The U.S. Britain and France have said they have seen no evidence to indicate that the opposition has acquired or used

chemical weapons.

In Washington, White House spokesman Jay Carney said “We have yet to see any evidence that backs up the assertion that anybody besides the Syrian government has had the ability to use chemical weapons or has used chemical weapons.”

Churkin told reporters after delivering an 80-page report to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that the Assad regime asked Russia, its closest ally, to investigate the attack after a U.N. team of chemical weapons experts was unable to enter the country in a dispute over the probe’s scope.

Acting U.S. Ambassador

Rosemary DiCarlo said Syrian President Bashar Assad should now allow U.N. chemical weapons experts into the country to conduct an investigation of the Khan al-Assal incident as well as other allegations of chemical weapons use by the U.S., U.K., and France.

The samples taken from the impact site of the gas-laden projectile were analyzed at a Russian laboratory certified by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Churkin said.

He said the analysis showed that the unguided Basha’ir-3 rocket that hit Khan al-Assal was not a military-standard chemical weapon.

WORLD BRIEFS

Car bomb rocks Hezbollah stronghold in Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP)—A powerful car bomb exploded in a Hezbollah stronghold in the southern suburbs of Beirut on Tuesday, wounding at least 53 people in the most troubling sign yet that Syria’s civil war is beginning to consume its smaller neighbor. The blast in the heart of the Shiite militant group’s bastion of support raised the worrying specter of Lebanon being pulled into the violent Sunni-Shiite struggle in the region, with sectarian killings similar to those plaguing Syria and Iraq. While there was no immediate claim of responsibility, there have been growing fears in Lebanon that Hezbollah could face retaliation for its now overt role fighting alongside Assad’s troops.

Confusion on Snowden acceptance of Venezuela offer

MOSCOW (AP)—The WikiLeaks secret-spilling site on Tuesday said NSA leaker Edward Snowden has not yet formally accepted asylum in Venezuela, trying to put to rest growing confusion over whether he had taken up the country’s offer. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has offered asylum to Snowden and says his

country received a request from the former NSA systems analyst. But Snowden, who is believed to be in a Moscow airport’s transit zone, has applied for asylum in other countries as well, and it is not clear how easy it would be for him to travel to the Latin American country. On Tuesday, a prominent Russian lawmaker tweeted that Snowden had accepted Venezuela’s offer, then deleted the posting a few minutes later.

Criminal probe in Quebec oil train derailment

LAC-MEGANTIC, Quebec (AP)—Canadian authorities said they have opened a criminal investigation into the fiery wreck of a runaway oil train in this small town as the death toll climbed to 15, with dozens more bodies feared buried in the burned-out ruins. Quebec police Inspector Michel Forget said Tuesday that investigators have “discovered elements” that have led to a criminal probe. He gave no details but ruled out terrorism and said police are more likely exploring the possibility of criminal negligence. Provincial police spokesman Sergeant Benoit Richard said no arrests have been made. The death toll rose with the discovery of two more bodies Tuesday. About three dozen more people were missing.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Koreas begin talks on reopening joint factory park

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Government officials from North and South Korea met Wednesday in a North Korean border town to discuss how to restart a factory complex they ran until it was shut down in April. The shutdown at the park just over the heavily armed border came during high tensions that followed Pyongyang’s third nuclear test in February. North and South Korea agreed over the weekend on a desire to restart work there and are now discussing details about how to do that. The complex at Kaesong combines South Korean knowhow and cheap North Korean labor. It was the countries’ last remaining major cooperation project.

China reiterates hardline stance on Dalai Lama

BEIJING (AP)—China’s top official for ethnic affairs indicated there will be no softening of the Communist Party’s struggle against the Dalai Lama by the country’s new leadership. The Dalai

Focus

By **TODD PITMAN**
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MEIKHTILA, Myanmar (AP)—Their bones are scattered in blackened patches of earth across a hillside overlooking the wrecked Islamic boarding school they once called home.

Smashed fragments of skulls rest atop the dirt. A shattered jaw cradles half a set of teeth. And among the remains lie the sharpened bamboo staves attackers used to beat dozens of people to the ground before drowning their still-twitching bodies in gasoline and burning them alive.

The mobs that March morning were Buddhists enraged by the killing of a monk. The victims were Muslims who had nothing to do with it—students and teachers from a prestigious Islamic school in central Myanmar who were so close to being saved.

In the last hours of their lives, police had been dispatched to rescue them from a burning compound surrounded by swarms of angry men. And when they emerged cowering, hands atop their heads, they only had to make it to four police trucks waiting on the road above.

It wasn't far to go—just one hill.

What happened on the way is the story of one of Myanmar's darkest days since this Southeast Asian country's post-junta leaders promised the dawn of a new, democratic era two years ago—a day on which 36 Muslims, most teenagers, were slaughtered before the eyes of police and local officials who did almost nothing to stop it.

And what has happened since shows just how hollow the promise of change has been for a neglected religious minority that has received neither protection nor justice.

The president of this predominantly Buddhist nation never came to Meikhtila to mourn the dead or comfort the living. Police investigators never roped this place off or collected the evidence of carnage left behind on these slopes. And despite video clips online that show mobs clubbing students to death and cheering as flames leap from corpses, not a single suspect has been convicted.

International rights groups say the lack of justice fuels impunity among Buddhist mobs and paves the way for more violence. It also reflects the reality that despite Myanmar's bid to reform, power remains concentrated in the hands of an ethnic Burman, Buddhist elite that dominates all branches of government.

"If the rule of law exists at all in Myanmar, it is something only Buddhists can enjoy," says Thida, whose husband was slain in Meikhtila. Like other survivors, she asked not to be identified by her full name for fear of retribution. "We know there is no such thing as justice for Muslims."

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The Associated Press pieced together the story of the March 21 massacre from the accounts of 10 witnesses, including seven survivors who only agreed to meet outside their homes for security reasons. The AP cross-checked their testimony against video clips taken by private citizens, many

Massacre of Muslims in Myanmar ignored



In this May 24, 2013 photo, a dog sniffs around a pile of burned car tires and human bones from the Meikhtila massacre as the local cemetery caretaker, Khin Mar Cho, center, and her daughter stand nearby.

with the date and time embedded; public media footage; dozens of photos; a site inspection, and information from local officials.

The day before the massacre began like every other at the Mingalar Zayone Islamic Boarding School—with a call to prayer echoing through the darkness before dawn.

It was Wednesday, March 20, and 120 drowsy students blinked their eyes, rising from a sea of mats spread across the floors of a vast two-story dormitory.

Set behind the walls of a modest compound in a Muslim neighborhood of Meikhtila, the all-male madrasa attracted students from across the region whose parents hoped they would one day become Islamic scholars or clerics.

The school had a soccer pitch, a mosque and 10 teachers. It also had a reputation for discipline and insularity—the headmaster, a strict yet kind man with a wispy beard, only allowed students outside once a week. Muslims made up about a third of Meikhtila's 100,000 inhabitants, compared with just 5 percent of Myanmar's population, and they lived peacefully with Buddhists.

The Muslims, though, were nervous after sectarian clashes in western Rakhine state in June and October last year killed hundreds and drove more than 140,000 from their homes. Both times, the madrasa shut down temporarily as a precaution.

The unrest was aimed at ethnic Rohingya Muslims, who have lived in Myanmar for generations but are still viewed by many Buddhists as foreign interlopers from Bangladesh. The hatred has since morphed into a monk-led campaign against all Muslims, seen as

"enemies" of Buddhist culture.

When classes began on March 20, student gossip quickly turned to an argument on the other side of town between a Muslim gold merchant and a Buddhist client, which had prompted a crowd of hundreds to overrun the shop and set it ablaze.

That afternoon, several Muslim men yanked a monk off a motorcycle and burned him to death. Buddhist mobs in turn torched Muslim businesses and 12 of the city's 13 mosques.

In Mingalar Zayone, some teachers skipped courses. Then classes were canceled altogether.

Students rushed to the dormitory's second floor and gazed out of the windows, in shock. Black and gray columns of smoke were rising in the air.

At dinner a couple of hours later, the sound of a teacher weeping filled the hall. His family home had been burned with his parents inside it. Some students pushed their food away.

As the sun slunk in a hazy sky, a Buddhist government administrator came to the gate of the madrasa and took the headmaster aside.

"You need to get your students out of here," he warned. "You need to hide. The mobs are coming—tonight."

At sunset prayers, the headmaster told everyone to collect their valuables, their money, their ID cards—and prepare to leave. He asked them to remove their head caps, Islamic dress and anything that might identify them as Muslim.

He never explained why. He didn't have to.

"If they try to destroy this place, we'll do our best to stop them," he said. "But whatever happens, we will not let you die."

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After dark, they crept deep into a swampy jungle of tall grass a block away called the Wat Hlan Taw, and the tall reeds swallowed the school's refugees whole.

Most were students and teachers. But at least 10 women and their children were also among them, relatives or residents too terrified to stay in their own homes.

They sat down in the mud. Nobody said a word.

Soon, they heard the mob approaching—dozens, maybe hundreds of voices, a cacophony of menace and anger that grew louder by the second.

The voices were at the gate of their madrasa. And then they were inside, kicking in doors and smashing windows.

In the darkness of the Wat Hlan Taw, a teacher named Shafee with a stomach ailment reached for his wife's palm and squeezed it hard.

"If they find us," he whispered nervously, "you know I won't be able to run."

"Don't worry," his wife, Thida, replied, cradling their 3-year-old son in her arms. "We'll be together, every step. I'll never leave you."

As the long night wore on, the madrasa burned down.

At 4 a.m., Buddhist prayer gongs rang out, and the mobs began shining flashlights into the Wat Hlan Taw. Some Buddhists fired rocks into the bush with homemade slingshots.

"Come out, Kalars!" they shouted, using a derogatory word for Muslims.

The Muslims ran to a neighboring compound, owned by a wealthy Muslim businessman. Some tore down a bamboo fence to get inside.

The mobs were not far behind.

Thida heard a boy screaming behind her, a student who had been trying to

call his mother on his cell phone.

He had waited just a few seconds too long to run.

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As the first rays of dawn touched Mingalar Zayone, Koko, a quiet, heavy-set 21-year-old student, peered over the compound's thin fence and felt numb. Men clutching machetes and sticks were girding for a fight outside.

Hundreds more were gathering on a road running across a huge embankment that shadowed the neighborhood's western edge. The embankment had always been there, but now it seemed to seal them inside the bottom of a huge, oppressive bowl from which they could not escape.

Koko could almost feel the blood draining from his cheeks. He felt weak, no longer human.

"We're trapped," he thought, "like animals."

Some students were frantically making calls for help—to parents, to police. Some were chanting loudly. Others were scouring the property for anything they could use to defend themselves—wooden boards, rocks the gangs outside had thrown at them.

By the time an opposition lawmaker, Win Htein, arrived around 7:30 a.m., dozens of helmeted riot police were on the scene. The security forces, equipped with rifles and gray shields, had formed lines to keep the Buddhist hordes away from the Muslims.

Win Htein saw the head of police and the district commissioner standing nearby, and the bodies of two dead Muslims on the edge of the Wat Hlan Taw. Over the next 45 minutes, he watched in horror as mobs of men chased five more students out of the bush, one by one, and hacked or bludgeoned them to death in broad daylight.

As stone-faced police officers stood idle just steps away, crowds cheered like spectators in a Roman gladiator show.

"They must be wiped out!" one woman shouted.

"Kill them all!" shouted another. "We must show Burmese courage!"

Win Htein felt nauseous. He wanted to vomit. In two decades of prison and torture under brutal military rule, he had never seen anything like this.

When he tried to convince people in the crowds to spare the Muslims, the mobs began threatening him. One Buddhist man demanded bitterly: "Why are you trying to protect them? Are you a Muslim lover?"

An officer advised Win Htein to leave.

Shortly after, a monk and four policemen offered to escort the trapped Muslims on foot to several police vehicles on top of the embankment.

"We'll protect you," one officer said. "But the students must stop chanting. They must put down their weapons"—their sticks and stones.

As the teachers debated what to do, they realized their time had run out. The crowds were flinging long bamboo staves wrapped with burning fabric over the fence like giant matchsticks. The compound was on fire, belching orange flame and black smoke into the air.

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The group emerged slowly with their hands behind their heads, like prisoners of war.

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Police led them down a narrow dirt track—a long line of desperate people, crouching in terror. Almost immediately, they were stoned by livid residents of a tiny Buddhist neighborhood who attempted to block their way.

What followed was a gauntlet from hell, an obstacle course that came with its own set of macabre rules: Do not run, or they will chase you. Do not fall, or you may never get back up. Do not stop, or you may die.

Police fired several rounds into the air, but the crowds attacked anyway. A teacher was knocked to the ground, and panicked students stepped over his body, sprawled face down in the dirt.

Koko saw a friend hit across the forehead with a hoe. When he tried to stand again, five men with knives dragged him off.

The mobs then attacked Koko with machetes from behind, slicing six palm-sized gashes into the flesh of his back. Blood stained his yellow shirt. He fell and blacked out.

One officer, struck in the face by a rock, apparently by accident, shot a Buddhist man in the leg. The crack of gunfire woke Koko, who realized he had been left for dead and leapt to his feet to catch up with the group.

As they moved inside the Buddhist neighborhood on the path to the trucks, police ordered the Muslims to squat down.

Crowds taunted and slapped them. Several women forced them to bow their heads and press their hands together in prayer like Buddhists. And according to testimony gathered by Physicians for Human Rights, they also shoved pork, which is prohibited in Islam, into the mouths of the Muslims.

One man swung a motorcycle exhaust pipe into a student's head. Another hit him with a motorcycle chain. A third stabbed him in the chest.

"Don't kill them here," yelled one monk. "Their ghosts will haunt this place. Kill them up on the road."

The monks said the police should round up the women and children and let them go first. When Thida refused to let go of her husband, a Buddhist man shoved a palm in his face and forced them apart. Another man she recognized tried to grab her 3-year-old.

"He's still breast-feeding. Leave him alone!" she shouted, pulling away.

The man then grabbed her 9-year-old, but pushed him back in disgust when he wailed.

Amid the confusion, one Buddhist woman hurriedly waved two of Thida's teenage daughters into her home to protect them, in an act of kindness. Both would be reunited with Thida several days later, unharmed.

As Thida and about 10 women and children climbed the hill, several riot police pushed back the stick-wielding crowds around them with open palms. A video reviewed by the AP records a man trying to dissuade the mobs, saying: "Don't do this. There are kids there as well."

But the violence continued.

Buddhists still clearing the Wat Hlan Taw forced a thin 17-year-old student named Ayut Kahn out into an open patch of low grass. In a scene captured on video by at least two different unidentified people, the boy—a Meikhtila native with a stutter who loved soccer—was struck 24 times by nine people with long sticks and bloody machetes. Five blows were from a monk.

"Look! Look!" one Buddhist by-



In this May 26, 2013 photo, a Buddhist flag flies in front of a burned-out shop, indicating that a Buddhist had owned the business, following sectarian violence between Buddhists and Muslims in Meikhtila, Myanmar.

stander shouted from the top of the embankment as the student was murdered. "The police are heading down there, but they aren't doing anything."

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The last time Thida saw her husband, he was struggling to climb the hilltop road where she waited anxiously beside police. Two teachers were by his side, their arms locked in his. Mobs swarmed the steep embankment between them.

Shafee's face was pale. He had never looked this way—so exhausted, so drained, so helpless.

Across the hillside, Thida could hear the cries of hate.

"Kill the Kalar! Don't leave any of them behind!"

"Clean them up! They are just dirty things!"

Somewhere below, several students tried to make a run for it. Crowds chased them.

Somebody pummeled 14-year-old Abu Bakar across the cheek with a bamboo stick. Somebody else sliced the back of 20-year-old Naeem's legs with daggers. Yet another clubbed Arif—the teacher who had wept at dinner the night before—to the ground.

Police stood on both sides of the hill watching, unmoved. When a boy sitting with them at the bottom of the slope looked up, an officer slapped his head and shouted: "Keep your eyes down!"

A frantic monk waved a multicolored Buddhist flag screaming for the killing to stop. "This is not the Buddhist way!" The crowd backed away briefly, but police left the wounded behind.

One video clip of the moments that followed shows seven Muslim men curled on the ground beneath a grove of rain trees. The faces of at least three are heavily covered in blood. A man in a green jacket swings a bamboo stave down on the wounded with all his might.

The camera pans to another group of three other crumpled men. One is Shafee, who is lying face down, pulling his legs in toward his stomach.

"Oh, you want to fight back?" a voice says, laughing.

A grainy video filmed shortly after shows flames leaping from a pile of 12 charred corpses in the same spot, and onlookers backing away from a smoky

body rolling down the hill. Another video shows crowds cheering.

Thida could only smell the burning flesh. She hugged the leg of a police officer standing beside her and asked: "Hey, brother. Please. Please. What is happening to us?"

"Shut up, woman," the officer replied. "Keep your head down. Don't you know you can die here, too?"

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In all the mayhem, several dozen police reinforcements arrived to escort the remaining Muslims to the hilltop and load them onto trucks.

As they pulled away, Koko knew he would never return to Meikhtila.

"There is nothing left of our lives here," he said to himself. "There is only Allah."

The trucks took the traumatized survivors to a police station, where they were offered water, and, by at least one officer, an apology.

In all, about 120 Muslims survived—among them, 90 students and four teachers. They stayed several days at a police station before being bused to another town to join their families.

The dead totaled 32 students and four teachers, according to the headmaster, who cross-checked their deaths with families and witnesses.

The head of state security in the region, Col. Aung Kyaw Moe, who ordered the rescue operation, said "10 or 15" died on the way. But video obtained by the AP, shot by unidentified witnesses touring the area after the killings, contradicts that claim. Two videos alone indicate at least 28 people died, most of them blackened corpses with fists and arms reaching into the air; one is decapitated.

When the people filming pass one body, a voice can be heard saying: "Hey, is that a child?"

"No, he's just short," another replies, chuckling.

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The police present that day were the only ones with rifles and guns, which would have been no match for the crude weapons carried by the mobs. But while they rescued more than 100 Muslims, they did not stop the massacre of dozens of others.

"They were of two minds. We could see that," the headmaster said. "Some of them tried to help us ... but in the

end, they all watched us die."

Win Htein, the lawmaker, said there were two explanations: Either the "police didn't get any order from above (to shoot), or they got the order from above not to do anything."

Aung Kyaw Moe, the regional security chief, insisted he had given authorization to fire. But he said police didn't shoot because "doing so could have angered the crowds and made the situation even worse."

He said even though 200 police were deployed to the area, the crowds outnumbered them, and Muslims died because "some of them tried to run."

"They scattered and our forces could not follow every one of them," he said. "They had to take care of the rest of the people they were guarding. ... On the front lines, some things cannot be clearly explained."

During a tense 50-minute interview, Aung Kyaw Moe said he was "satisfied" with the job police had done.

But he grew increasingly agitated, saying five times that it was "inappropriate" to ask for details because "you're not writing a novel, you're not making a movie ... you don't need to know."

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The first people prosecuted for the violence in Meikhtila were not the Buddhist mobs. The first were Muslims.

On April 11, a court sentenced the gold shop owner and two employees to 14-year jail terms for theft and causing grievous bodily harm. On May 21, the same court sentenced seven Muslims to terms ranging from two years to life for their roles in the killing of the monk the day the unrest began.

On June 28, a Buddhist man was convicted of the murder of a Muslim elsewhere in Meikhtila and sentenced to seven years in jail, according to state prosecutor Nyan Myint. He said 14 Buddhists have been charged and are on trial for the Mingalar Zayone killings, some for murder, but none has yet been convicted.

Justice "is a matter of time," he said. "The courts are proceeding with the trials and have no prejudice or bias against any group."

Aung Kyaw Moe, the security chief, said all those arrested were residents of Meikhtila, but he gave no other details.

No police have been reprimanded.

Similar patterns of justice have played out in other towns.

After Buddhist mobs burned several villages in the central town of Okkan in April, the first convicted was a Muslim woman accused of starting it by "insulting religion." She had knocked over the bowl of a novice monk. Muslims say it was an accident.

And after more Buddhist mobs ramaged through the eastern city of Lashio in May, setting Muslim shops alight, the first convicted was the Muslim man authorities say triggered the unrest by dousing a Buddhist woman with diesel fuel and severely burning her.

One Muslim man was killed in each incident, but no one has been prosecuted.

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After the massacre in Meikhtila, the corpses rotted for at least two and a half days before the government sent workers to haul them away, some on garbage trucks. The remains were taken to Meikhtila's main cemetery, where they were simply burned again in an open patch of red dirt with used car tires and gasoline and left for stray dogs to pick through.

Authorities say they did not hand the bodies back to the relatives of the dead because they were too badly burned to be identified. But families of those slain say they were never even asked, and never given the chance to bury their loved ones according to Islamic rites.

No Muslim families have dared visit the cemetery or return to the massacre site.

The mood in the neighborhood is still hostile to outsiders. When AP journalists visited the area, residents stared silently.

One barefoot woman washing clothes beside a well where a pile of charred corpses were dumped claimed she had no idea what happened that day, because she wasn't there.

Her friend looked up and said: "Tell him what started it. Tell him about the gold shop, the monk who was killed."

Ma Myint shook her head, squinting up briefly in the direction of the hilltop.

Those bones "mean nothing to me," she said.

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The school's headmaster pulls out a single sheet of blue-lined paper from his pocket. On it, handwritten, are the names and ages and hometowns of the dead.

What bothers him the most isn't the decision he made to take his students into the Wat Hlan Taw, or the nightmares he has had since. It's that those who were slaughtered could have been saved.

Most of those beaten to the ground did not die immediately, he says.

"Had anybody stepped in to help them even then, to push back the mobs, to pick them up and take them to the hospital—they could have lived," he says.

He has told many of the 90 students who survived to lie low and not testify for fear of reprisal. He dreams of gathering them together again and rebuilding his school elsewhere, but he is too afraid of sectarian violence flaring anew to say where or when.

"Where is safe in this Myanmar?" he says. "Who will protect us?"

On March 21, the headmaster urged his students not to fight back.

"Next time, we will defend ourselves," he says quietly, "because we know that nobody else will."

Environment

With shark fin ban, a slice of Asian culture ends in California

By LOUIS SAHAGUN
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LOS ANGELES—An ancient Asian dining tradition came to an end in California on July 1, and grocer Emily Gian is none too happy.

Gian had slashed prices on shark fins, the astoundingly expensive ingredient of a coveted and ceremonial soup, in hopes she will sell out before the California ban on sale or possession of the delicacy took effect.

"The law is unfair," said Gian, whose store in Los Angeles' Chinatown sells shark fins for \$599 a pound. "Why single out Chinese people in California when shark fins are legal in many other states?"

Across town, retired science teacher Judy Ki offers an answer.

Ki grew up in a wealthy Hong Kong family that served steaming bowls of shark fin soup to honor guests at birthdays, banquets and weddings. These days, she sees the delicacy in historical context.

Shark fin soup dates to the Ming Dynasty, when it was reserved for emperors as a symbol of status and power over the most dangerous predators. "Back when it was quite a physical feat for a fisherman to land a shark, it was the ultimate symbol of yang, or male energy," said Ki, a spokeswoman for the Asian Pacific American Ocean Harmony Alliance.

It certainly wasn't prized for its flavor, which is almost non-existent. Its chief culinary merit is an ethereal, gelatinous texture, achieved through careful drying, precise trimming and a complex preparation method that takes several days. For flavor, cooks often add chicken or ham.

As China's middle class grew in recent decades, the number of people who could afford the delicacy rose sharply. To meet growing demand, the fishing industry found a particularly cruel way to harvest several million fins each year. Fishermen slice the fins off live sharks and throw the crippled animals back into the sea to drown.

An estimated 73 million sharks are killed each year for their fins, which can sell for more than \$2,000 a pound in California. The International Union for Conservation of Nature estimates that the populations of some shark species,

such as hammerheads, have been reduced by as much as 90 percent in recent years.

Ki finds that morally wrong. "It is not right to slaughter massive numbers of sharks for a bowl of soup that lasts five minutes," Ki said. "Culture evolves. Extinction lasts forever."

Gian and others who are skeptical of the ban do have a point, however. It can seem unfair to ban shark fins in California while chefs and grocers in other states continue sales unfettered.

The state, and supporters of the ban, hope that will change.

"This is an important milestone in the global campaign to end shark finning," said Aimee David, director of conservation policy at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. "California's example has inspired several states to act, and we hope many others will follow suit."

So far, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Illinois, Maryland and Delaware, and the Pacific territories Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands, have also enacted legislation prohibiting the sale of shark fins. New York is pursuing similar legislation.

Korean Airlines Co. and Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. have stopped carrying shark fins as cargo. Even the Chinese gov-

ernment has announced that it will phase out fins from official functions within three years, according to the U.S. Humane Society.

Despite protests from some Chinese American leaders, California Gov. Jerry Brown outlawed the possession, sale and distribution of shark fins 18 months ago. Stores were allowed to sell existing stocks until Monday. Violators could face penalties of up to six months in prison and fines up to \$1,000, authorities said.

In January, a legal challenge in federal court by San Francisco merchants who claimed that the ban is unconstitutional and discriminatory toward Chinese culture was resolved in favor of the ban. The court found that the law was within the state's authority, based on findings that the decline of sharks is a threat to the marine ecosystem and that the ban would help eliminate the demand for shark fins.

Since then, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife and supporters of the ban — including the Humane Society and the Asian Pacific American Ocean Harmony Alliance — have been reaching out to Chinese American communities across the state, reminding them about the new law and its consequences.



Shark fins sit on sale at \$600 per pound in the Chinatown section of Los Angeles, California, Monday, June 24, 2013. As of July 1, they will be illegal. LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Agency says shark population is stable

By LOUIS SAHAGUN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Friday that the northeastern Pacific Ocean population of great white sharks is not in danger of extinction and does not warrant listing under the Endangered Species Act.

NOAA had been researching the health of the great white population since last year, when the environmental groups Oceana, Shark Stewards and the Center for Biological Diversity filed a petition calling for endangered species protection.

The petitioners were reacting to the first census of great whites ever attempted. Conducted by the University of California, Davis and Stanford University researchers, and published in the journal Biology Letters in 2011, the census estimated that only 219 adult and sub-adult great whites lived off the Central California coast, and perhaps double that many were in the entire northeastern Pacific Ocean, including Southern California.

"We are disappointed and

feel this is the wrong decision, one that flies in the face of best available science," said Geoff Shester, Oceana's California program director. "This battle is far from over."

NOAA scientists concluded that the white shark population is a distinct genetic group with a low to very low risk of extinction now and in the foreseeable future.

"Our team felt that there were more than 200 mature females alone, an indication of a total population of at least 3,000," said Heidi Dewar, a fisheries research biologist at NOAA.

NOAA's analysis, which will be made public Monday, was based on a comprehensive review of threats to the population, direct and indirect indicators of abundance trends and analysis of fisheries by catch in the United States and Mexico, Dewar said.

Some of the data reviewed by NOAA was provided by the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which was encouraged by the results.

"We will continue this work so we can gain a better understanding of population trends and the overall health of sharks

that play a vital role in ocean health," said Margaret Spring, the aquarium's vice president of conservation and science.

Chris Lowe, a professor of marine biology at California State, Long Beach who has been conducting state and federally permitted white shark research since 2002, said NOAA's findings confirm his own conclusion: The white shark population is rebounding for reasons that include federal laws that curb pollution, ban near-shore gill netting, protect sharks and halt the slaughter of marine mammals that sharks prey on for food.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife later this year is expected to announce its own determination of the status of the great white population.

George H. Burgess, curator of the Florida Museum of Natural History's International Shark Attack File, is among nine scientists who recently completed an independent census that will show there are more than 2,000 adult and sub-adult white sharks off Central California. That study was not submitted for review by NOAA until after it reached its conclusion, Dewar said.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†RUFINO NAKATSUKASA
MARATITA

Fondly Known as "Ruf"

Born To Life: November 23, 1957

Called To Eternal Life: July 05, 2013

Predeceased By His:

Mother: †Magdalena Taisacan Nakatsukasa Maratita

Father: †Thomas Camacho Maratita

Maternal Grandparents: †Johannes Koyama &

†Consuelo Taisacan Nakatsukasa

Paternal Grandparents: †Robert Matantaotao & †Brigida Camacho Maratita

Son: †Herman Edward Thomas Norita Maratita

Sister: †Remedio Nakatsukasa Basa

Brothers: †Herman T. Nakatsukasa, †Juan N. Maratita, †Jeffrey N. Maratita &

†Johannes N. Maratita

Mother-In-Law: †Estela R. Tass

Brother-In-Law: †Steven C. Norita & †John Ichihara

Survived By His Loving:

Wife: Ernestina Manalo Norita Maratita

Children: Rufino Jr. N. Maratita / Stephanie A. Borja (Rufino Jr. II & Stevahnne Ave); Johannes N. Maratita; Magdalena Estella N. Maratita

Parents-In-Law: Edwardo Taman Norita & Rosa Aldan Ichihara

Brothers/Sisters/Spouses: Francisco S. / †Remedio N. Basa; Brigida N. Maratita; Robert N.

Maratita; Eusebio N. / Virginia Maratita; Rosalina M. / Jose M. Taga; Consuelo M. / Eddie Q.

Reyes; Diego N. Maratita; Edwina N. Maratita; Kuleta M. / Joe Vince Taitano

Additionally survived by his Brothers/Sisters-In-Law and Spouses, numerous Nephews, Nieces, Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins

Mass is prayed at 6:00pm immediately followed by the Holy Rosary at San Antonio Church. On Saturday, July 13, 2013, at 7:00am his remains will be escorted from the Borja's Funeral Home to San Antonio Church for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am on the same day, followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your Presence and prayers is greatly appreciated.

Thank you from Ernestina M. Norita Maratita, Children, Grand Children and Family



Life & Style

Singer Randy Travis remains in critical condition

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country singer Randy Travis remained in critical condition Tuesday in a Texas hospital after doctors inserted a device to stabilize his weakened heart.

Travis' publicist, Kirt Webster, said in a news release Tuesday that the singer underwent the procedure after checking into the hospital Sunday with viral cardiomyopathy (kahr-dee-oh-my-OP-uh-thee), a heart condition caused by a virus.

Webster said the left ventricular assist device was used to stabilize Travis's heart prior to a hospital transfer to Dallas.

In this June 7, 2013 file photo, Randy Travis performs on day 2 of the 2013 CMA Music festival at the LP Field in Nashville, Tenn.

Travis lives about 60 miles from Dallas in Tioga.

The device used to help Travis is a small pump inserted with a catheter that assists the heart to pump blood.

Travis, 54, became ill after a virus infected his heart muscle, causing it to become weakened and enlarged so that it could not pump properly. Cardiomyopathy can lead to heart failure.



No other details about the Grammy award-winning singer's condition were available Tuesday afternoon.

Several country stars conveyed their best wishes for Travis' recovery.

"Sending healing strength and love to you this morning (at)randytravis," Keith Urban said in a message to Travis on Twitter.

And Carrie Underwood,

who Travis won a Grammy Award with in 2010, wrote: "Thinking about my friend, (at)randytravis, tonight. Hope he gets better soon..."

Long a popular figure in country music, the North Carolina-born singer has been trying to put his life back together after a series of embarrassing public incidents involving alcohol. Travis pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated in January following an arrest last

year and received two years probation and a \$2,000 fine. He was required to spend at least 30 days at an alcohol treatment facility and complete 100 hours of community service.

The multiple Grammy Award-winning singer rode his alternately mellow and majestic voice to stardom in the 1980s and '90s with hits like "Forever and Ever, Amen" and "Three Wooden Crosses."

Elton John cancels London show due to appendicitis

LONDON (AP)—Elton John has canceled a show in London's Hyde Park due to appendicitis that will require surgery.

A statement issued Tuesday by the musician's publicist said John was suffering from an inflamed appendix and surrounding abscess.

He has been advised by doctors to cancel his concerts while he undergoes a regime of anti-

biotics to treat the abscess. That will be followed by surgery in the next few weeks.

The statement said John fell ill during his recent European tour, but "is eager to be back on top form and return to play the remaining shows starting in early September 2013."

The 66-year-old performer had been due to play an outdoor concert in London's Hyde Park

on Friday on a bill with Elvis Costello and Ray Davies.

Concert organizers said the show will go on—for free—with the remaining lineup and that ticket holders will receive a full refund.

Last year John canceled several U.S. dates after being diagnosed with a respiratory infection.

His new album, "The Diving Board," is due out in September.

Weinstein, Warner Bros. spar over 'The Butler'

NEW YORK (AP)—With the drama of a summer blockbuster, the dustup over the rights to a film title has turned into a public battle between Harvey Weinstein and Warner Bros.

Disputed is the claim to the title "The Butler," which the Weinstein Co. has promoted as the name of an upcoming drama about a White House butler. An arbitrator last week ruled Warner Bros. has the right to "The Butler," having released a so-named silent short in 1916.

Weinstein, appalled that his potential Oscar bait could be derailed by such an old, inconsequential film, took to "CBS This Morning" on Tuesday to claim Warner Bros. has an "ulterior motive" in refusing to allow use of the title.

In an interview later with The Associated Press, he claimed

that Warner Bros. is using the "Butler" dispute to attempt to extort his share of the three-part series "The Hobbit," of which he owns a percentage having developed the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy while running Miramax.

"They mentioned that if I gave up 'The Hobbit,' they could make the title problem go away," Weinstein said.

The film, directed by Lee Daniels and starring Forrest Whitaker, is to be released Aug. 16. It's based on the life of White House butler Eugene Allen, whose service extended through decades of U.S. presidents.

Weinstein acknowledged that when he bought the project at the script stage from Sony, "We thought that they had cleared it (the title)." He said bargaining between the heads of distribution for Warner Bros. and the Weinstein Co. was moving smoothly "and then all of a sudden it changed."

"There's never been a DVD of it," he said of the 1916 short. "It's never been on television. What are they protecting?"

A certain number of Hollywood titles are protected by the Title Registration Bureau, of which the Weinstein Co. and Warner Bros. voluntarily subscribe to, agreeing to be bound by its rules to prevent public confusion over similarly titled films. The registry, a division of the Motion Picture Association of America, mediates any disputes, which are usually resolved quietly with some horse trading.

Warner Bros. re-registered the title in recent years, but has no known plans to use it.

Weinstein is appealing the decision and has enlisted attorney David Boies to represent the company in the matter. He claims possible alternatives like "White House Butler" and "Lee Daniels' Butler" are already registered.

"I hope we get a good result,"

said Weinstein. "If not, we'll go to court with a restraining order and David will file saying this is anti-competition."

Warner Bros. issued a statement Tuesday claiming Weinstein was using the matter to publicize his film "by disseminating deliberate misinformation." The studio claims the Weinstein Co. "is following an oft-trodden path of creating 'well-publicized controversies' in order to promote their films by disseminating deliberate misinformation about the true nature of this dispute."

"The Weinsteins are sophisticated experts in this arena and three neutral arbitrators have penalized them for blatantly disregarding MPAA rules. It goes without saying that Warner Bros. has no issue with Lee Daniels' film (never has) and fully supports the artistic goals of the filmmakers. The Weinsteins' suggestions to the contrary are deeply offensive and untrue."

Weinstein has taken advantage of such spats before for the generated publicity. Last year, he launched a public attack against the MPAA over its initial R rating (due to harsh language) for the anti-bullying documentary "Bully." After the film was initially released unrated, it was edited slightly and the MPAA changed the rating to PG-13.

"People are always saying you're maximizing a controversy," said Weinstein. "I'd rather have the title than the controversy. We have to take our trailers down. We have to take our posters down. We've already taken our website down. And if we don't do it, it's \$25,000 a day."

In recent days, Deadline.com has posted angry back-and-forth letters between Bois and Warner Bros. attorney John Spiegel. Spiegel has cited previous Weinstein or Miramax titles that disregarded the procedures of the title registry, and had to then pay, for films like "Scream," "Il Postino" and 2007's "Control," for which Weinstein paid \$100,000 to use the title.



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The top 10 songs and albums on the iTunes Store for the week ending July 8, 2013:

TOP SONGS

1. "Blurred Lines (feat. T.I. & Pharrell)," Robin Thicke
2. "We Can't Stop," Miley Cyrus
3. "Radioactive," Imagine Dragons
4. "Get Lucky (feat. Pharrell Williams)," Daft Punk
5. "Treasure," Bruno Mars
6. "Can't Hold Us (feat. Ray Dalton)," Ryan Lewis, Macklemore
7. "Cruise (Remix) (feat. Nelly)," Florida Georgia Line
8. "Same Love (feat. Mary Lambert)," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
9. "Cups (Pitch Perfect's "When I'm Gone" - Pop Version)," Anna Kendrick
10. "Come & Get It," Selena Gomez

TOP ALBUMS

1. "Magna Carta Holy Grail," Jay-Z
2. "Born Sinner," J Cole
3. "The Gifted," Wale
4. "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons
5. "Yeezus," Kanye West
6. "Pitch Perfect," Various Artists
7. "Random Access Memories," Daft Punk
8. "The Heist," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
9. "Here's to the Good Times," Florida Georgia Line
10. "Glorious Ruins (Live)," Hillsong Live

The top iPhone and iPad apps on App Store for the week ending July 8, 2013:

TOP PAID IPHONE APPS

1. WhatsApp Messenger (WhatsApp Inc.)
2. Where's My Mickey? (Disney)

3. Heads Up! (Warner Bros.)
4. Minecraft - Pocket Edition (Mojang)
5. LEGO Batman: DC Super Heroes (Warner Bros.)
6. iTranslate Voice (Sonico GmbH)
7. Contra: Evolution (PunchBox Studios)
8. AfterLight (Simon Filip)
9. LIMBO Game (Playdead)
10. Rhonna Designs (Rhonna Farrer)

TOP FREE IPHONE APPS

1. Despicable Me: Minion Rush (Gameloft)
2. Candy Crush Saga, (King.com Limited)
3. True or False - Test Your Wits! (Games for Friends GmbH)
4. Google Maps (Google Inc.)
5. Instagram (Burbn Inc.)
6. Snapchat (Snapchat Inc.)
7. YouTube (Google Inc.)
8. Ask.fm (Ask.fm)
9. Facebook (Facebook Inc.)
10. Escape If You Can (Kaarel Kirsipuu)

TOP PAID IPAD APPS

1. LEGO Batman: DC Super Heroes (Warner Bros.)
2. Minecraft - Pocket Edition (Mojang)
3. LIMBO Game (Playdead)
4. Where's My Mickey? XL (Disney)
5. SpongeBob Moves In (Nickelodeon)
6. Monsters University: Catch Archie (Disney)
7. Plants vs. Zombies HD (PopCap)
8. Man of Steel HD (Warner Bros.)
9. Doc McStuffins: Time For Your Check Up! (Disney)
10. Dora's Great Big World HD (Nickelodeon)

TOP FREE IPAD APPS

1. Despicable Me: Minion Rush (Gameloft)
2. Candy Crush Saga, (King.com Limited)
3. Secret Passages: Hidden Objects (Pocket Gems Inc.)
4. Can You Escape (Kaarel Kirsipuu)
5. Design It! - Outfit Maker for Fashion Girls Makeover : Dress Up , Make Up and Tailor (TabTale LTD)
6. Wide Sky (Marcus Eckert)
7. YouTube (Google Inc.)
8. Monsters University: Catch Archie (Disney)
9. Turbo Racing League (Pik-Pok)
10. Fairy Salon (Libii Tech Limited)

The top 10 books on Apple's iBookstore for the week ending July 8, 2013:

TOP BOOKS

1. "Inferno," by Dan Brown (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
2. "Second Honeymoon," by James Patterson & Howard Roughan (Little, Brown & Company)
3. "This Man," by Jodi Ellen Malpas (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "This Man Confessed," by Jodi Ellen Malpas (Grand Central Publishing)
5. "And the Mountains Echoed," by Khaled Hosseini (Penguin Group US)
6. "Beneath This Man," by Jodi Ellen Malpas (Grand Central Publishing)
7. "Entwined with You," by Sylvia Day (Penguin Group US)
8. "Gone Girl," by Gillian Flynn (Crown Publishing Group)
9. "World War Z," by Max Brooks (Crown Publishing Group)
10. "Unbreakable," by Jenni Rivera (Atria Books)

Placido Domingo in hospital in Spain with embolism

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Opera singer Placido Domingo is in the hospital after suffering a blockage in an artery of the lungs.

Domingo's representative says the 72-year-old is expected to make a full recovery but will have to miss several appearances scheduled for later this month. He was admitted to the hospital Monday in Madrid.

Doctors say the pulmonary embolism was caused by a blood clot.

Kevin Jonas, wife expecting 1st child

NEW YORK (AP)—There's a new Jonas on the horizon.

A representative for the Jonas Brothers says Kevin Jonas and wife Danielle are expecting their first child.

The two married in 2009. They are the stars of the E! reality series "Married to Jonas," which wrapped its second season in May.

Kevin is the eldest Jonas. The Jonas Brothers also include Nick and Joe. The band will release a new album later this year.

E! News first reported the pregnancy.



Jonas

The singer's representative, Nancy Seltzer, says doctors have asked the Spanish tenor and conductor to rest for three to four weeks, but that healing time varies. His return to the stage will depend on how quickly he regains his strength.

It's not the first time Domingo has faced a serious medical condition.



Domingo

Domingo returned to the stage just 45 days after undergoing colon cancer surgery in 2010 and has maintained a vigorous schedule and displayed an uncommon vitality at an age when most stars have stepped away from the spotlight.

He is the most visible opera singer in the world and has performed more than 140 roles, expanding his repertoire to include

baritone roles in the past half-decade. The Three Tenors member also recently was named the new goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for his efforts in spreading classical music around the world.

Domingo has canceled his five performances in Daniel Catan's "Il Postino," which were to begin July 17 at the Teatro Real in Madrid, as well as an appearance on July 21 at Plaza Mayor.

Elisabeth Hasselbeck of 'The View' joining Fox

NEW YORK (AP)—Elisabeth Hasselbeck is leaving the desk at "The View" for the couch on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends."

The news network said Tuesday that Hasselbeck will join co-anchors Steve Doocy and Brian Kilmeade on the three-hour morning show "Fox & Friends" in September. Wednesday will be her last day after a decade on "The View."

Hasselbeck parlayed her popularity as a contestant on "Survivor" into a job on Barbara Walters' ABC daytime show in 2003. During her decade on the show, she authored two cookbooks. She's politically more conservative than her co-hosts on "The View," which often led to some contentious moments.

Fox News Chairman and

CEO Roger Ailes said that Hasselbeck's "warm and engaging personality made her a star" and an "excellent conversationalist." She replaces Gretchen Carlson, who will be given her own daytime show on Fox, Ailes said.



Hasselbeck

Walters said. "We have had 10 wonderful years with her and she will now be swimming in new waters. We will miss her and wish her everything good."

Rumors that Hasselbeck was leaving first surfaced in March, drawing a heated denial from

"When Elisabeth survived 'Survivor,' we wanted to make sure she would stay a float,"

Walters at the time. She also said it was not true that Hasselbeck's political views made her unpopular in the executive suites at "The View."

Her views won't be a problem on "Fox & Friends," which is popular with a conservative audience. The talk show is the most popular cable news program in the morning.

Hasselbeck's departure is part of a year of turnover at "The View." Joy Behar, one of the show's original panelists, is also leaving. Walters, who developed the show, is retiring from television next spring. That leaves Whoopi Goldberg and Sherri Shepherd as the remaining panelists. Jenny McCarthy, the former Playboy playmate who currently hosts a show on VH1, has been mentioned as a possible new panelist.

Bynes appears in NYC court in suspected bong toss

NEW YORK (AP)—Amanda Bynes wore a long aqua wig, false eyelashes and black sweatpants and a tank top for a brief court appearance Tuesday on allegations that she chucked a marijuana bong out the window of her 36th-floor Manhattan apartment.

The 27-year-old actress did not speak during the hearing that lasted mere minutes, but she drew a throng of photographers and television cameras as she entered and left the criminal court building in lower Manhattan. Neither she nor her attorney spoke to reporters outside court.

Bynes was arrested May 23 after building officials at her

midtown apartment called police to complain that she was rolling a joint and smoking pot in the lobby. Officers went to her apartment, where they said they saw heavy smoke and a bong sitting on the kitchen counter. They said she tossed the bong out the window in front of them, according to prosecutors. A day later, in her first court appearance, she wore a disheveled blond wig.

Bynes rose to fame starring in Nickelodeon's "All That" and has also starred in several films, including 2010's "Easy A." But she has been in the news more recently because of several scrapes with the law and bizarre public

behavior.

In a Twitter post after her first court appearance, she accused the officers who arrested her of sexual assault; police are looking into her claims. She also has taken to social media to criticize a host of celebrities recently.

Bynes had no previous arrests in New York, but she was involved in several California cases. In December, the "Hairspray" star resolved a misdemeanor hit-and-run case after entering into a civil settlement with other drivers. She was charged last fall with driving on a suspended license after it was temporarily taken away from her following

two hit-and-run cases where she was accused of leaving the scene without providing proper information. She has also pleaded not guilty to drunken driving in a separate case.

It's not clear how the New York case will affect the California ones.

Manhattan prosecutors filed an affidavit from her building manager, Rudy Toro, corroborating police and prosecutors' account of the tale. Bynes' next court appearance was scheduled for Sept. 26.

She left court with her attorney, Gerald Shargel, wearing sunglasses into a waiting black Mercedes sedan.

SKorean pop star Rain discharged from military

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean pop sensation Rain is out of the military.

Under cloudy skies Wednesday, Rain fired off a crisp salute and thanked a large crowd of mostly media and women who'd gathered to commemorate his discharge after 21 months of mandatory service.

The fans held signs reading in Korean and English: "We waited for you" and "Rain's coming." One Japanese fan said she'd been waiting for more than a day to see the "entertainment soldier."

Rain has made seven albums and acted in several South Korean and Hollywood films. Time magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2011.

His real name is Jung Ji-hoon.



South Korean actor and singer Rain salutes to his fans and media after he served 21 months in the army in front of the Defense Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, July 10, 2103.

Woman says pot use is clouding friend's mind

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: Legal marijuana is making my best friend stupid, boring and insipid. "Susan" and I are in our 50s and have been best friends off and on since childhood. A decade ago, we started taking better care of our friendship because so few longtime friends were still in our lives. Since then, I have been careful not to be judgmental or condescending because it was the source of past friction.

Susan is a regular marijuana user, which has sapped away all of her ambition and curiosity. Even when she isn't actually high, she lacks the cleverness and mental acuity I have always treasured about her. Otherwise, her life is functional. She's in a good marriage, loves her pets and enjoys her job. I think if I said anything, it would cause a major rift.

Should I just limit our time together and accept this is how things are going to be from now on? I'm a widow who has lost my parents and others to illness. I have other friends and family, but I don't want to lose my old chum, even though being around her is starting to make me sad.

FRIENDSHIP GOING TO POT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR F.G.T.P.: As people grow older, long and well-established relationships become more precious. But much as we might wish otherwise, relationships do not always remain the same. Because you are no longer receiving what you need from your interactions with Susan, I agree you may need to see her less often.

In light of your long relationship, I don't think it would be offensive to tell her you have noticed a change in her and you miss the person she used to be. However, are you absolutely certain that what you have observed is caused by marijuana? If you're not, then consider sharing your observation with Susan's husband, in case her lack of sharpness could be the result of another medication she's using or a neurological problem.

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for one year. Yesterday I put all the pieces together and realized he's been cheating on me.

I called the other woman, and after she regained her composure and heard she is a mistress, she told me everything. She gave me the answers I desperately needed, and I am thankful for her honesty and—surprisingly—her compassion.

Now I need to move forward. I am crushed, and even though he can't explain why he cheated, I still want to know why. He says he's going to counseling, which is something I have been begging him to do since I had a miscarriage last summer.

Will he change? Or should I continue to pack the house and move on?

CRUSHED IN CHICAGO

DEAR CRUSHED: Much depends upon the reason your husband started cheating. If it was a way to avoid experiencing the pain of the loss of the baby, it's possible that with counseling the two of you can get beyond this.

I suggest you ask to be included in one or more of the counseling sessions. If he agrees, at least you will know he is seeing a therapist. If not, you will have to decide whether you have had enough loss in one year to last you a lifetime, and whether you still have a future together.

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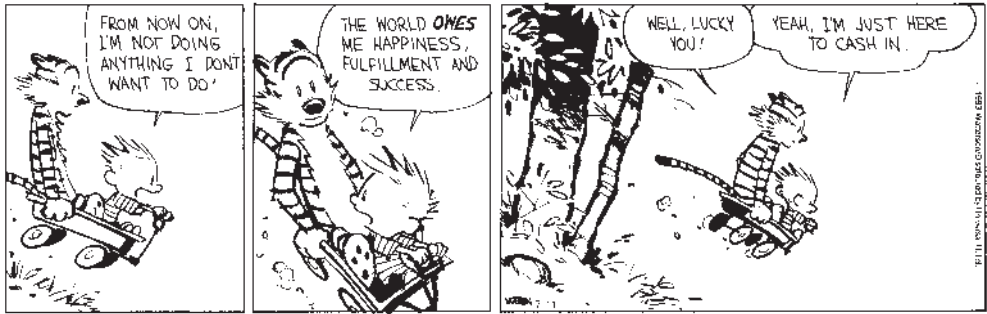
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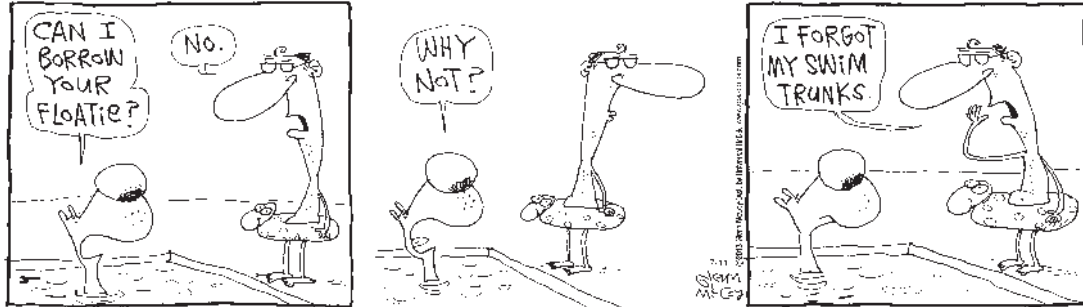
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12 Atmosphere

13 Piercing tool

14 Glass sheet

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16 Modern

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24 Prolonged sleep

27 Attacks vigorously

32 Lawyers' org.

33 "Little Women" author's monogram

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1 Profit

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5 Lower jawbone

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8 Ornamental shrub

9 Chinese language

10 Not again?

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21 Police alert, for short

24 Trash receptacle

25 Japanese sash

26 Comic strip magician

28 Cockney dwelling

29 Guitar's cousin

30 Parch

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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-11

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jacoby Jones, 29; Lil' Kim, 39; Richie Sambora, 54; Sela Ward, 57.

Happy Birthday: Progress can be yours if you take an unconventional approach. Let your imagination wander and take the path that is most unusual. The people you meet along the way will add life lessons, experience and knowledge to your character. Embrace new beginnings and any opportunity that allows you to explore your capabilities. Change will result in financial benefits. Your numbers are 4, 12, 19, 27, 31, 35, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be afraid to act impulsively when it comes to presenting and promoting what you want to do. Share your beliefs and feelings in both your personal and your professional life. You can make a difference if you follow your heart. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put your needs first and you won't be disappointed. If something needs to be done, make the first move. Putting demands on others will result in hard feelings. Focus on what you can offer your friends, relatives and your community. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Work on your relationships at home. Make domestic changes that will improve your life. A trip or reunion will bring you in touch with someone from your past. Proceed with caution. Taking a backward step is not a wise choice. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Find out what you need to learn in order to change your direction. Talk to someone you admire or trust about your dreams. Expanding your interests and making improvements to what you do well will pay off. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put a huge push behind the things you want to accomplish. Don't let anyone stand in your way. Go after what you deserve and don't stop until you get it. Secret affairs or plans can lead to an interesting and wise investment. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen to what's being said and offered, but don't be too quick to respond. Ulterior motives are apparent and must be dealt with before you sign up or give your word. A change of heart may end up costing you financially. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be a wimp. Someone will take advantage of you if you try to keep the peace. Sometimes you have to fight back in order to get what you deserve. Put your heart on the line and speak up. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your imagination soar, and put your energy and creative ideas and plans into motion. A short trip or making alterations to your living space will improve your lifestyle. Protect your mental and physical health. Put yourself first. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll have a change of heart if someone in your life is becoming too predictable. Make plans to liven things up. A trip or a philosophical journey can open doors to interesting new friendships. Embrace life and live in the moment. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can recover some of the losses you've incurred in the past if you make a move or revamp a contract that has been weighing you down financially or emotionally. Open up to a partner and put stress behind you. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Concentrate on relationships and what it will take to improve the connection you have with someone who influences your options. Taking action will help you make the choices that suit your needs instead of someone else's. Enhance your love life. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mingle and engage in conversations with people heading in a similar direction as you. Appeal to the creative and unusual side of people who might be able to contribute to your goals. A colleague or peer will make an unexpected move. ★★

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/11

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/10

WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Yesterday's Answer: Unwound

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Justin Upton leads Braves past Marlins, 6-4



MIAMI (AP) — Justin Upton hom-

ered, doubled twice and scored three runs to help the Atlanta Braves earn their 27th comeback victory with a 6-4 win over the Miami Marlins on Tuesday night.

The Braves, who lead the NL in come-from-behind wins, overcame deficits of 3-1 and 4-3.

Pitchers for the two teams combined to retire 30 consecutive batters Monday, when Atlanta won 7-1 in 14 innings. But the second game of the series was a slugfest, with Upton leading the way.

He doubled home a run in the third, doubled and scored to make it 4-all in the fifth, then hit his 16th home run—but first since June 12—leading off the seventh against reliever Ryan Webb.

In Monday's marathon, Upton hit a two-run double to put Atlanta ahead in the final inning.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Ricky Nolasco gave up four hits over seven innings in his Dodgers debut as surging Los Angeles beat the Diamondbacks for its 14th victory in 17 games.

Nolasco (6-8), acquired Saturday in a trade with the Miami Marlins, also doubled and singled, driving in a run and scoring another.

Adrian Gonzalez drove in three runs for Los Angeles but Hanley Ramirez went 0 for 4, snapping his 19-game hitting streak.

Ian Kennedy (3-5), facing the Dodgers for the first time since serving a 10-game suspension for his role in a bench-clearing brawl a month ago in Los Angeles, allowed six runs, five earned, and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings. He hit Ramirez with a pitch in the first inning.

Phillies 4, Nationals 2

In Philadelphia, Cole Hamels threw eight sharp innings and Michael Young hit a two-run double as Philadelphia beat Washington for its third straight win.

Hamels (4-11) allowed one run and six hits to win consecutive starts for the first time this season. The Phillies have won six of their past eight games.

Jayson Werth hit a solo homer for Washington. The defending NL East champs have lost two straight and are only 1 1/2 games ahead of third-place Philadelphia.

Making his third career start, Taylor Jordan (0-2) gave up four runs—three earned—and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings for the Nats.

Brewers 2, Reds 0

In Milwaukee, Wily Peralta tossed a three-hitter for his first career shutout and Logan Schafer hit his first homer, a two-run shot that lifted Milwaukee to a



Atlanta Braves' Chris Johnson, left, is out at home after he was tagged out by Miami Marlins catcher Rob Brantly, right, in the fourth inning during a baseball game, Tuesday, July 9, 2013 in Miami.

victory over Cincinnati.

Peralta (6-9), whose start was pushed back from Sunday to give his aching left hamstring a couple extra days of rest, struck out six and walked four for his first complete game. It also was the Brewers' first shutout and complete game of the season.

Tony Cingrani (3-1), was almost as effective as Peralta, allowing only two singles and Schafer's home run, striking out 10 and walking two in seven innings.

Cardinals 9, Astros 5

St. Louis, Adam Wainwright earned his 12th win to tie for the NL lead, pitching seven scoreless innings, and Matt Holliday hit his team-high 13th homer to lead the Cardinals to a win over the Astros.

Matt Carpenter had three hits and drove in three runs for St. Louis, which has won four in a row and five of six.

Houston dropped its ninth in the last 11 and leads the majors with 58 losses.

Wainwright (12-5) improved to 13-1 in 15 career starts against Houston. His 1.56 ERA against the Astros is the lowest for any opponent. Wainwright allowed five hits, struck out nine and walked one.

Mets 10, Giants 6

In San Francisco, Marlon Byrd's two-out grand slam capped a five-run eighth inning and the Mets beat the Giants for their third consecutive win.

A day after needing 16 innings to top the Giants in a game that ended at 12:42 a.m., the Mets squandered leads of 3-2 and 5-3 but held off the slumping World Series champions by scoring five times against their bullpen.

Omar Quintanilla had three hits for the Mets while Byrd and David Wright added two apiece. Wright drew a two-out walk before Byrd's home run

off San Francisco reliever Jake Dunning.

The Giants fell a season-high nine games under .500. San Francisco also has the worst record in the majors (17-34) since May 13.

Padres 2, Rockies 1

In San Diego, Eric Stults pitched a four-hitter, Alexi Amarista drove in two runs and the Padres snapped their 10-game losing streak with a win over the Rockies.

Stults (7-7) struck out five and walked three in the complete game, supporting his cause with two hits. He took a no-hitter into the fifth inning, when Josh Rutledge legged out an infield hit on a grounder to shortstop. He lost his shutout in the ninth when he gave up a one-out double to Wilin Rosario and a two-out RBI single to pinch-hitter Nolan Arenado.

Jhoulys Chacin (8-4) allowed one run on five hits over six innings, striking out four and walking two. The loss snapped Chacin's five-game winning streak. He had not lost since May 16.

Cubs 7, Angels 2

In Chicago, Alfonso Soriano hit two of the Cubs' season high five home runs and Travis Wood earned his first win in nearly six weeks in a victory over Los Angeles.

Anthony Rizzo, Starlin Castro and Darwin Barney also homered for Chicago.

Wood (6-6) gave up four hits over 6 2-3 innings and retired 14 straight from the second inning into the sixth for his first victory since May 30.

Rizzo and Soriano hit back-to-back home runs in the first inning, Castro hit a solo homer to center in the third and Barney hit a three-run homer in the sixth. All came off Joe Blanton (2-11), who leads the majors in losses.

Athletics 2, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Dan Straily pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning, Brandon Moss hit a two-run homer and the Athletics beat the Pirates.

Straily (6-2) struck out seven and walked three in 6 1-3 innings for his second straight strong outing. Grant Balfour worked the ninth to remain perfect in 24 save chances this season. The A's have won 10 of 13.

Gerrit Cole (4-2) lost his second consecutive decision despite working seven innings for the first time in his four-week major league career. Cole allowed five hits, struck out four and walked two.

After the start was delayed 1 hour, 42 minutes, Pedro Alvarez hit his 23rd home run but Pittsburgh matched a season high with its fourth straight loss.

Rangers 8, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Adrian Beltre went 4 for 4 with two homers and a season-high five RBIs to help the surging Texas Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles.

Beltre hit a solo shot in the second inning and a three-run drive in the fifth, both off Zach Britton (2-3). Beltre has six home runs in his last six games and is batting .488 (21 for 43) during an 11-game hitting streak that began on June 28.

Texas has won 14 of 19 to move a season-high 16 games over .500 (53-37)—tied for the second-best record in franchise history after 90 games. The Rangers have won four in a row on the road.

Manny Machado homered for the Orioles, who have lost six of eight. Baltimore is 3-12 in its last 15 regular-season games against Texas.

Martin Perez (3-1) allowed four runs, two earned, and six hits in six-plus innings for the Rangers. The left-hander is 3-0 with a 1.44 ERA in four

starts since being recalled from Triple-A Round Rock on June 22.

White Sox 11, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Alex Rios equaled an American League record with six hits in a nine-inning game and Adam Dunn hit a go-ahead, two-run homer off Justin Verlander in the eighth to lift Chicago over Detroit.

Dayan Viciedo's second homer of the game helped the White Sox score seven runs in the eighth, and they added three more in the ninth to surpass a season high for scoring.

Miguel Cabrera hit his 29th homer to give him a major league-high 92 RBIs and a .363 batting average.

He broke the franchise mark for homers before the All-Star game, surpassing the total Cecil Fielder had at the break in 1990 during his 51-homer season.

Verlander (9-6) gave up a season-high 12 hits, five runs and struck out three to match a season low in seven-plus innings.

Jose Quintana (4-2) gave up three runs and six hits over eight innings, winning for the first time since May 21.

The last-place White Sox, who had lost four straight, finished with a season-high 23 hits and a season high in runs.

Red Sox 11, Mariners 8

In Seattle, Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a tiebreaking homer and Shane Victorino slugged the last of Boston's five long balls as the Red Sox snapped a three-game skid with a win over Seattle.

Boston rallied from an early 5-1 deficit, using two-run homers from Dustin Pedroia and Mike Napoli along with Bradley's solo shot to come back against the Mariners. Pedroia and Napoli homered in the third inning and Bradley gave Boston the lead in the fifth against Blake Beavan (0-2).

Bradley was recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket earlier in the day.

Victorino's drive was part of a three-run eighth.

Seattle was just as potent early, with Kendrys Morales going deep twice, but couldn't solve the Red Sox bullpen. Alfredo Aceves, Craig Breslow and Andrew Bailey kept the Mariners scoreless for 4 2-3 innings after starter Allen Webster was tagged for seven earned runs in 2 1-3 innings.

Seattle got a run off Junichi Tazawa in the eighth, but Koji Uehara pitched the ninth for his sixth save. Breslow (3-2) got the victory after throwing 2 1-3 innings.

David Ortiz had four hits—including a solo homer in the second off struggling Seattle starter Hisashi Iwakuma—to give him 1,688 hits as a designated hitter, tying Harold Baines for the career record. Ortiz also doubled twice.

Royals 3, Yankees 1

In New York, James Shields wiggled out of early trouble and got home run help from Billy Butler and David Lough as Kansas City sent New York to its third straight loss.

Center fielder Lorenzo Cain contributed four nifty catches, defensive replacement Elliot Johnson ranged a long way for a grounder and Kansas City backed Shields (4-6) with a pair of double plays.

CC Sabathia (9-7) gave up seven hits in his second complete game.

Once again, the Yankees had trouble scoring. They've managed exactly one run in each of their last three games—not since 2005 had they scored one run or fewer in three straight, STATS said.

The hitting slump left the Yankees with a three-game home losing streak for the first time since they dropped four in a row in late July 2012.

Greg Holland worked the ninth for his 22nd save, and second in two nights.

Indians 3, Blue Jays 0

In Cleveland, Ubaldo Jimenez and three relievers combined on an eight-hit shutout as Cleveland defeated Toronto.

Jimenez (7-4) dodged constant trouble in six innings, allowing five hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

Cody Allen, Joe Smith and Chris Perez blanked the Blue Jays the rest of the way. Perez allowed two hits in the ninth but earned his 10th save as the Indians completed their AL-leading 11th shutout.

Cleveland managed only four hits. Nick Swisher and Michael Brantley had RBI singles in the fourth when the Indians put together a walk and three straight singles off starter Josh Johnson (1-4), who gave up two runs in seven innings.

Asdrubal Cabrera added a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Toronto was 1 for 12 with runners in scoring position.

Rays 4, Twins 1

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Chris Archer pitched six strong innings, and Matt Joyce and Kelly Johnson drove in two runs apiece to help surging Tampa Bay extend its winning streak to a season-best six games with a victory over sputtering Minnesota.

Archer (3-3) limited the Twins to an unearned run and three hits to outpitch fellow rookie Kyle Gibson (1-2), who was done in by one bad inning in his third career start for Minnesota.

The Twins have lost nine of 10. The Rays matched their longest winning streak of the year and are 8-1 during a stretch of 14 consecutive games against the struggling Twins, White Sox and Astros leading up to the All-Star break.

Docs paint ex-Patriot as triggerman



ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP)—A man linked to the murder case involving former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez cast him as the triggerman in a police interview, according to documents filed Tuesday in Florida that provide the most damning evidence yet against the star athlete.

The records, obtained by The Associated Press, also show a vehicle wanted in a double killing in Boston a year before had been rented in Hernandez's name.

Hernandez has been charged with murder in the June killing of Boston semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd. The records say Hernandez associate Carlos Ortiz told Massachusetts investigators that another man, Ernest Wallace, said Hernandez shot Lloyd in an industrial park near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough.

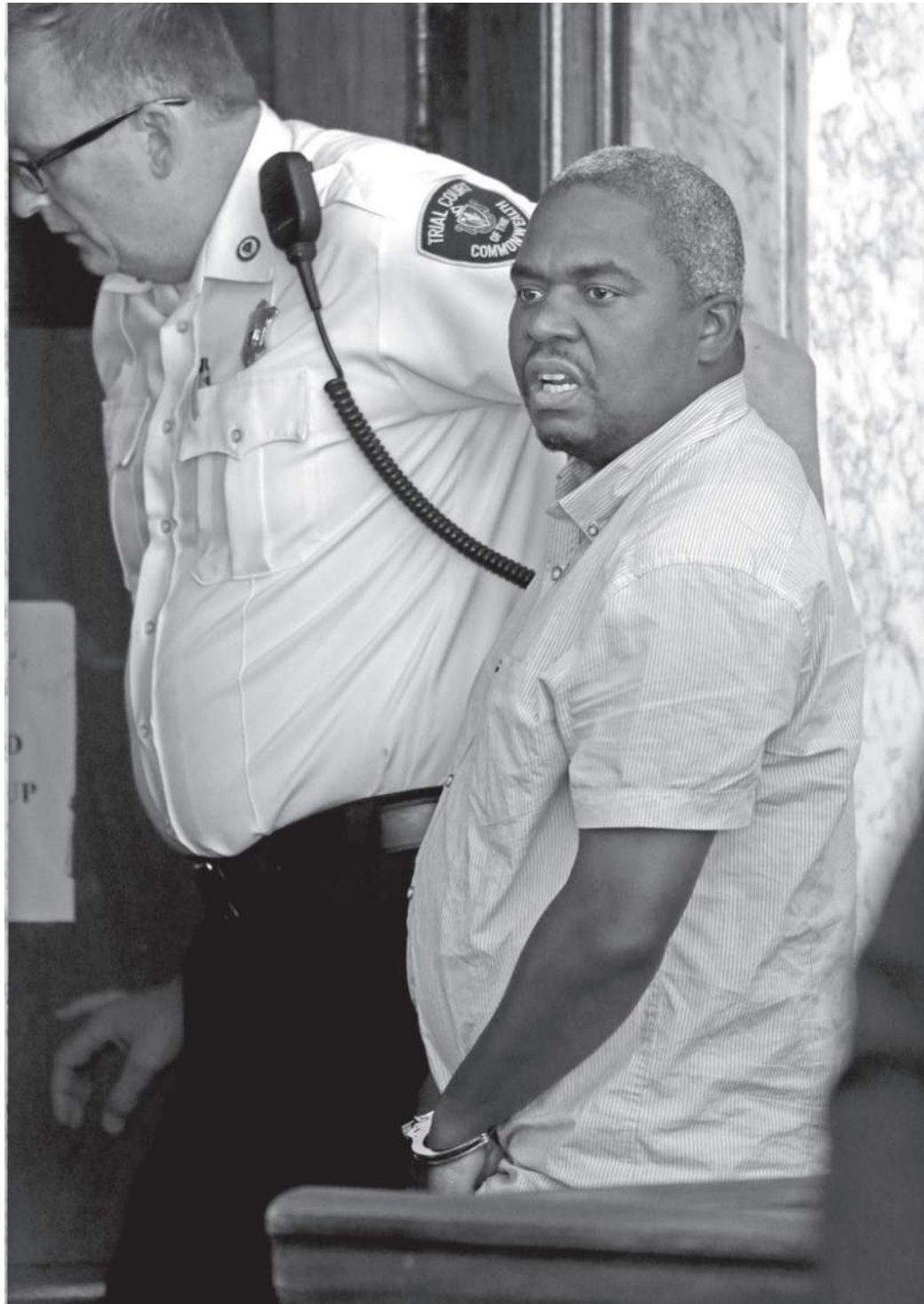
The documents were filed in court by the Miramar, Fla., police department to justify a search of Wallace's mother's home in that city.

The records also show that police, while investigating Lloyd's killing, searched in Hernandez's hometown of Bristol, Conn., and found a vehicle wanted in connection with a July 2012 double homicide near a Boston nightclub.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty in Lloyd's killing. His legal team did not return email messages Tuesday. Wallace faces an accessory to murder charge in the case and has pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors say Hernandez, Wallace and Ortiz drove with Lloyd in a rented Nissan Altima to the industrial park where Lloyd was fatally shot.

Ortiz told police that during the drive Hernandez told Lloyd that Lloyd had been "chilling" with people Hernandez had problems with, the documents say. But Ortiz told police the two men shook hands and the problem seemed smoothed



Ernest Wallace, of Miramar, Fla., mouths words to people sitting in Attleboro District Court, in Attleboro, Mass., as he is escorted from the court room after pleading not guilty during his arraignment, Monday, July 8, 2013.

over. However, the Altima soon stopped, and everyone but Ortiz got out to urinate, according to Ortiz's account.

The witness told police he then heard gunshots before Hernandez and Wallace got back into the car without Lloyd and the car sped away.

Ortiz said he couldn't see

who fired the shots because it was dark. Back at Hernandez's home, Ortiz said, Wallace asked him to get a small gun out from under the driver's seat. Ortiz said he did and gave it to Hernandez once they were inside.

Ortiz said he then went to sleep. When he woke up in the afternoon, according to his ac-

count, the three men returned the Altima and rented a Chrysler 300 before returning to Hernandez's home. Ortiz and Wallace then went to an apartment in the area that Hernandez and other football players used. Wallace let Ortiz in before leaving for a long time, the documents say. The two then drove to Bristol.

Ortiz told police Wallace said Hernandez shot Lloyd.

The gun used in the killing has not been found.

Hernandez, Wallace and Ortiz appear linked through Bristol. Wallace told Florida police he grew up with Hernandez's father. Ortiz's attorney, John Connors, said Tuesday his client, who's athletic and around the age of Hernandez's older brother, is from Bristol.

Meanwhile, eight search warrants were unsealed in Massachusetts after news organizations sought access to them. The warrants reveal the breadth of the investigation, with authorities scouring through everything from Hernandez's house to his phone to the contents of his team locker, which the Patriots emptied into a container after they released him.

A rifle, ammunition and video surveillance equipment were among the items police seized from Hernandez's home.

Records show Hernandez, who played tight end, became "argumentative" during his first encounter with police at his home about five hours after Lloyd's body was found by a jogger. Hernandez told police he had last seen Lloyd in Boston the day before. He asked, "What's with all the questions?" and locked the door behind him.

He then returned with his attorney's business card but didn't respond when police told him they were investigating a death, the records show.

"Mr. Hernandez slammed the door and relocked it behind him," the records read. "Mr. Hernandez did not ask officers whose death was being investigated. Mr. Hernandez's demeanor did not indicate any concern for the death of any person."

Hernandez came out later and agreed to be questioned at a police station.

The documents also say Hernandez called his girlfriend's cellphone and stopped her from speaking with police after they pulled her over and told her Lloyd was dead.

Source: Lions, Stafford agree to \$53M extension

DETROIT (AP)—Matthew Stafford's career with the Detroit Lions just got longer.

Stafford and the Lions have agreed to terms on a \$53 million, three-year extension to keep him under contract through 2017, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The person, who spoke Tuesday to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the agreement has not been announced, said Stafford will make \$41.5 million in guarantees as part of a new contract.

Detroit drafted Stafford No. 1 overall in 2009 and signed him to a six-year contract worth as much as \$78 million with \$41.7 million in guarantees. After two injury-shortened seasons, he helped the franchise reach the playoffs two years ago for the first time in more than a decade.

A month ago, Stafford vowed that he would focus on football while his agent and the team negotiated.

"I don't play this game to get contracts," he said in June. "I play this game to win games."

The Lions didn't do much of that last year, losing their last eight games to flop to a 4-12 record after a 10-win season.

Stafford threw more interceptions and had less than half as many touchdown passes in 2012 as he did the previous year.

After playing in just 13 games over two seasons, he flourished in his first full year with 41 TD passes while completing 64 percent of his attempts and throwing 16 touchdowns.

He stayed on the field last season, but his passing percentage dipped as did his TD passes (20) while he threw one more interception.

"Matt's not happy with last year," Lions coach Jim Schwartz said during last month's minicamp. "None of us were happy with last year, but you also can't overreact."

Stafford has spent much of this offseason splitting time between his home in suburban Detroit and team headquarters, after working out and rehabilitating injuries elsewhere in previous years.

He has looked back to analyze the previous season, seeing when it was good to take chances with passes and when it wasn't while the losses piled up after climbing to .500 midway through the season.

"It was a total, learning experience just because it was a tough year," Stafford said. "You have to find a way to battle through it."

Bynum weighing 2-year offer from Cavs



CLEVELAND (AP)—As the Cavaliers await word from Andrew Bynum, two other teams have joined the chase for the free agent center.

Bynum, who didn't play a single second for Philadelphia last season because of knee injuries, is considering a two-year offer from the Cavs, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Cleveland made the offer, which includes a team option in the second year, during his visit to the Cavs' facility Monday. Bynum did not work out but the team examined him

thoroughly. The person with knowledge of the negotiations spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks. Yahoo! Sports first reported Cleveland's offer and said it was worth \$24 million.

While mulling Cleveland's deal, Bynum visited the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday and plans to meet Wednesday with the Dallas Mavericks, his agent, David Lee, told the AP on Tuesday night.

Lee said there has been no decision made on Cleveland's deal. He would not say if the Hawks made Bynum an offer. Bynum lives in Atlanta and could be convinced to stay home.

"I don't want to comment about any ongoing negotia-

tions," Lee said.

The 25-year-old Bynum had arthroscopic surgery on both knees in March, but the Cavs apparently are confident he will return to the form that made him one of the NBA's best centers and a two-time All-Star.

They're also counting on him thriving under Cleveland coach Mike Brown, who has returned to the Cavs after being fired three years ago. Brown and Bynum spent one season together with the Los Angeles Lakers and the 7-footer had his best year, averaging 18.7 points and 11.8 rebounds. Over the past four seasons, Bynum has averaged 14.7 points and 9.5 rebounds.

Cleveland would like to get an answer from Bynum as soon as possible, but the team did not give him any deadline. The NBA's free-agency moratorium period ends Wednesday.

The Cavs have already landed forward Earl Clark and guard Jarrett Jack in free agency and are looking to move up quickly. They would immediately vault into contention in the Eastern Conference with a healthy Bynum paired with All-Star guard Kyrie Irving and a roster that includes forward Tristan Thompson, guard Dion Waiters and forward Anthony Bennett, the No. 1 overall pick in last month's draft.

Lee has said Bynum will be

ready to play by the start of training camp.

The Sixers acquired Bynum last summer from the Lakers as part of a four-team trade. But Bynum, who made \$16.9 million despite not playing last season, never got healthy enough to get on the floor and the Sixers crumbled.

The Cavs would be taking a risk with Bynum that could have huge rewards. He would instantly raise their profile and probably get them back to the playoffs after winning just 66 games combined the past three seasons. In giving him only a two-year deal, they would not be tying up much money which would allow them to stay flexible next summer when several top-tier free agents—possibly LeBron James—will be on the market.

Blood and bruises: A day’s work for Tour sprinters

SAINT-MALO, France (AP) —

Hitting the asphalt at something like 60 kilometers (40 miles) per hour flayed off a patch of skin from Tom Veelers’ right thigh. Blood snaked down his leg from his sliced-up right knee. His white jersey was torn and soiled.

“Bruised and scratched from all sides,” said the big Dutchman when asked how he felt. “But ... yeah, OK.”

In short, Stage 10 was another day at the office for the charging-bull sprinters of the Tour de France.

Chris Froome, the race leader, isn’t a sprinter. The Briton was just relieved to survive unscathed all the pushing and shoving on two wheels.

The “worst nightmare,” he said, for riders like him—lighter, less muscular and with eyes fixed on reaching the podium in Paris on July 21—is to be felled by crashes like the one that floored Veelers on Tuesday in Saint-Malo. The fall came in the shadow of this Brittany port’s crenelated walls, with spectators crammed cheek by jowl to get a look.

“Every day you get through with the yellow jersey is a blessing,” Froome said. “So I’m happy just to tick that one off.”

Veelers’ job is to help launch



Spectators on a tank watch as the pack passes the Special Military School of Saint-Cyr near Guer during the tenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 197 kilometers (123.1 miles) with start in Saint-Gildas-des-Bois and finish in Saint-Malo, Brittany region, western France, Tuesday July 9 2013.

his teammate, sprinter Marcel Kittel, in the final mad dash for the line. He did that just fine on Tuesday, because Kittel won—becoming the first rider at this 100th Tour to win two stages, having also won Stage 1.

As Kittel sprinted away, rival Mark Cavendish hared after the German. In doing so, Cavendish’s left arm barged into Veelers’ right arm. Because both were riding at such speed, the contact was enough to tip the Dutch rider over.

“Marcel went all the way left and Cavendish dived to the left, I think to try to follow Marcel,” Veelers explained after he picked himself up, climbed back on his bike and rode through the finish

to his Argos-Shimano team bus, where a shoal of impatient, sharp-elbowed reporters waited.

“He touched my handlebars and knocked me over.”

Cavendish was adamant this wasn’t deliberate. The Briton with 24 Tour stage wins lost his temper with an Associated Press reporter who asked if he was at fault, grabbing his voice recorder.

“I touched with him. But the road’s bearing left. I know you’re trying to get all the ‘Oh, Mark Cavendish, a really bad sprint again.’ The road’s bearing left. Two hundred and fifty meters to go, the road bears left ... I followed the road,” he said.

“So I think if anyone’s trying

to get, ‘Oh, Mark Cavendish, dangerous sprint.’ I think you’re in the wrong there, you know?”

The race jury studied video of the incident but took no action, allowing Cavendish to keep his third place behind Kittel and stage runner-up Andre Greipel, another German who won the finishing sprint on Stage 6.

Kittel also gave Cavendish the benefit of the doubt.

“I cannot imagine that it was on purpose because it was a very hectic situation and it was just the last moment of the sprint,” he said. “Sometimes that is something which just happens.”

Having luxuriated Monday in their first rest day, riders were generally content Tuesday to

race at a leisurely pace. The pack allowed five riders to race away and build up a lead - and then reeled them in as teams set up their sprinters to compete in the final dash.

The 197-kilometer (122-mile) jaunt from the Brittany town of Saint-Gildas-Des-Bois to Saint-Malo on its northern coast took the race past Plesse, where Lucien Mazan was born in 1882. Better known as Lucien Petit-Breton, he won the Tour in 1907 and 1908.

On Wednesday, the focus shifts away from the sprinters and back to Froome and his rivals for overall victory.

Stage 11—a time trial where the riders all race individually against the clock—could be one of the most visually spectacular of this Tour where every day already has delivered a feast for the eyes.

The 33-kilometer (20.5-mile) course loops from the Normandy port of Avranches, with its memorial to U.S. Gen. George S. Patton, to the breathtaking Mont-Saint-Michel, a Gothic-style Benedictine abbey and walled village that towers skyward from an islet perched in a bay.

Froome got bronze in the time trial—a specialist discipline—at last year’s London Olympics. This year, he used a wind tunnel in Southampton, England, to improve his position on his time trial bike.

As race leader, Froome will set out last on Wednesday afternoon in his canary yellow jersey. He aims to widen the time gaps he opened on Saturday, when he demoralized rivals by blowing them away on a climb in the Pyrenees mountains.

The Tour runner-up last year behind Sky teammate Bradley Wiggins, Froome already has a lead of 1 minute, 25 seconds over second-placed Alejandro Valverde. Another Spaniard, two-time champion Alberto Contador, is 1:51 off Froome, in sixth.

“Time trialing is one of those things that the more you do it, the better you become at it. You have that feeling of your own body, your own pace. This year, I’ve done a few races with similar kind of time trials and I don’t think there’s any real secret to it. You can make small advantages with equipment. We’ve got a new time trial bike this year, I’ve spent a bit of time in a wind tunnel, which I’ve never done before. All of these things add up,” Froome said.

“The course is fast and flat so hopefully a good one for me,” he said. “I should be able to hold on to my advantage and maybe get some more time.”

If Froome significantly increases his lead, then barring a crash or other mishap, victory in Paris should pretty much be in his pocket.

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he joins about 100 runners in the qualifying heats for the 100m sprint. According to Rangamar, Iguel’s personal best time in the 100m is 11.10 seconds and the

Commonwealth sprinter is aiming for a new PBT and possibly a new CNMI record.

Tyrone Omar holds the CNMI mark in the 100m run with his 10.99 seconds that was posted during the 2007 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa. He also joined the 11th IAAF World Cham-

pionships in Osaka, Japan the same year and nearly equaled his performance in Samoa after timing in at 11.00 on Heat 1 where he ran against eventual gold medalist and U.S. sprinter Tyson Gay.

After Omar, Clayton Kenty was the next CNMI runner to

race in the 100m run in the 12th World Championships held in Berlin, Germany. Kenty missed surpassing Omar’s mark, but matched his PBT with his 12.99 seconds. Yvonne Bennett also made the trip to Germany for her second World Championships stint and had her third in

2011 when she went to Daegu, Korea, with fellow sprinter Orrin Pharmin.

This year, Iguel will be the lone CNMI competitor and Rangamar said NMA is pushing him to shatter Omar’s six-year record. Rangamar said Iguel has been training regularly at the Olea Sports Complex track to prepare for next month’s competition.

The World Championships in Moscow is Iguel’s second off-island competition this year, as he also represented the CNMI in

the 2013 Oceania Area Championships in Pepeete, Tahiti last month. Iguel raced in the 100m run in the Oceania tournament and timed in at 11.68 seconds. He finished third on his heat, just one notch away from advancing to the semifinals.

He also competed in the 200m run, clocking in at 23.96 seconds—the best time among CNMI runners. Pharmin and Beo Ngirchongor joined the same event and submitted 24.57 seconds and 25.45 seconds, respectively.

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other booboo when Alex Lauron fouled James Abuy, who pulled up for a triple. Abuy muffed the shot, but still got the three points from the charity stripe. PIC then nailed three more free throws in the ensuing plays to seal the win.

Demapan top-scored for PIC with his 19 points, while Nevin Salem chipped in 17 and Barbo and Abuy contributed 16 and 12, respectively. Shane Deleon Guerrero paced San Roque with his 15 markers.

In the first game, the run-an-gun game of the youthful players

of KFC/Taco Bell was too much for the veteran crew of Armatech.

KFC/Taco Bell pushed up the tempo of the game at the get-go to build an early double-digit lead, 24-14. Eugene Manglona jump-started KFC/Taco Bell’s offense, scoring 8 points in the first quarter. KFC/Taco Bell slowed down a bit in the second canto, but still outgunned Armatech, 14-10, to widen the gap further at the break, 38-24.

The much fresher legs of KFC/Taco Bell then totally pulled away in the third period, as they racked up 26 points against the 16 of Armatech for a commanding 64-40 advantage. The 24-point advantage after the

third canto gave KFC the luxury of relaxing a bit in the fourth period where it logged its lowest production (12 points) in a quarter, but still walked away with a double-digit winning margin.

Lerio Pagarao led KFC/Taco Bell’s second win, as he fired 16 points, while Manglona and Jaymark De Guzman had 12 apiece, and their three other teammates added at least 5 points each. Brandon Tania was the lone twin digit scorer for Armatech with his 16 markers.

First Game

KFC/Taco Bell 76 — Pagarao 16, Manglona 12, De Guzman 12, Devero 8, Abuel 7,

Francisco 5, Brown 4, Achas 2, Maranan 2, Camacho 2.

Armatech 58 — Tania 16, Diaz 7, McCain 7, Manalo 6, Esdreton 6, Guiab 5, Santos 4, Gabaldon 2, David 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-14, 38-24, 64-40, 76-58.

Second Game

Pacific Islands Club 86 — Demapan 19, Ne. Salem 17, Barbo 16, Abuy 12, Hambros 8, Ni. Salemn 7, Duenas 5.

San Roque 76 — Deleon Guerrero 15, Vertudez 11, Lerio 11, Cadiang 9, Aquino 8, Sacramento 7, Lauron 4, Estevez 4.

Scoring by quarters: 20-20, 42-44, 57-59, 86-76.

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ton Tournament during a brief ceremony at the TSL Sports Complex late last month.

Galvez led the awardees, getting the championship trophy in the men’s A singles. Runner-up Ferdie Arago (represented by Berks Blazers teammate Jeff Riman) and third placer Jexler Caranto were awarded medals for rounding out the Top 3.

Also earning first place trophies were Class B champion Jordan Pangilinan and Class C winner Almond Edralin. Ezekiel Macario and Chris Hilario took the runner-up medals in Class B, while Panapa Peteru and Kevin Park got the same hardware for Class C.

In the girls division, three-time champion Hannah Choi was awarded the first place trophy in the Class A, while runner-up Jen Savellano was also recognized. In Class B, the

championship trophy went to Janelle Pangilinan, while Toshiko Obata and Loyda Ito took medals for placing second and third, respectively. In Class C, the Top 3 finishers were Dianne Francisco, Havikka Farro, and Nicole Malasarte.

NMBA also awarded trophies and medals to the Top 3 placers in the mixed doubles. Janelle Pangilinan and Caranto (Class A), Oh Im Bog and Alma Ortega (Class B), and Celso Agui and Rose Lazaro (Class C)

brought home championship trophies. Receiving medals for their runner-up finishes were Class A’s Malou Malasarte and Glenn Bluutjens and Savellano and Galvez; Class B’s Windy Fernandez and Hilario and Kanata Omori and Savellano; and Class C’s Nicole and Jerome Malasarte and Mykki Caracut and Edralin. Tournament director Macoi Aguda led the awarding of trophies and medals to the winners. **(Roselyn B. Monroyo)**

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MLB STANDINGS				
New York	38	48	.442	11 1/2
Miami	32	56	.364	18 1/2
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	54	37	.593	—
Tampa Bay	50	40	.556	3 1/2
Baltimore	49	41	.544	4 1/2
New York	48	41	.539	5
Toronto	43	45	.489	9 1/2
Central Division				
Detroit	49	39	.557	—
Cleveland	46	43	.517	3 1/2
Kansas City	42	44	.488	6
Minnesota	37	49	.430	11
Chicago	34	52	.395	14
West Division				
Oakland	53	37	.589	—
Texas	52	37	.584	1/2
Los Angeles	43	45	.489	9
Seattle	40	49	.449	12 1/2
Houston	32	57	.360	20 1/2
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Atlanta	51	38	.573	—
Washington	46	43	.517	5
Philadelphia	44	46	.489	7 1/2
Central Division				
St. Louis	53	34	.609	—
Pittsburgh	53	35	.602	1/2
Cincinnati	50	39	.562	4
Chicago	39	48	.448	14
Milwaukee	36	52	.409	17 1/2
West Division				
Arizona	47	42	.528	—
Los Angeles	43	45	.489	3 1/2
Colorado	43	47	.478	4 1/2
San Francisco	40	48	.455	6 1/2
San Diego	40	50	.444	7 1/2
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AXE Proa	2	0		
KFC/Taco Bell	2	0		
Ol'Aces	1	0		
Mobil	1	1		
Armatech	1	1		
Pacific Islands Club	1	1		
Mariana Resort	0	1		
Blazers	0	2		
San Roque	0	2		

27th Summer Universiade Part 1

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From left, Russ Quinn, John Nekaifes, and Clay McCullough-Stearns wear CNMI flag stickers on their faces during the opening of the 27th Summer Universiade at the Kazan Arena Stadium in Kazan, Russia.



Clay McCullough-Stearns, left, and John Nekaifes, right, pose with Japanese athletes while waiting for the start of the opening ceremony.



From left, Janet McCullough, John Nekaifes, Clay McCullough-Stearns, a Russian volunteer, Michael White, Russ Quinn, and Tony Stearn pose for a group photo during the flag raising ceremony.



John Nekaifes, Russ Quinn, and Clay McCullough-Stearns join three Irish athletes for a group photo before the start of the opening ceremony.



John Nekaifes and Clay McCullough-Stearns pose with the performers at the opening ceremony.



CNMI coach Russ Quinn enjoys a light moment with the performers at the opening ceremony.



CNMI delegation head Michael White shows the token of appreciation the CNMI received from organizers of the 27th Summer Universiade.



CNMI flag bearer Clay McCullough-Stearns rounds the packed Kazan Arena Stadium.



The flags of the participating countries are on display during the opening ceremony.

Justin Upton
leads Braves past
Marlins, 6-4

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Jesus Iguel off to IAAF World Championships



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Jesus Iguel, seen here joining a qualifying event in this year's All Schools Championships, will leave for Russia next month to compete in the 14th IAAF World Championships.

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Jesus Iguel is heading to Russia next month to represent the CNMI to the 14th IAAF World Championships.

According to Northern Marianas Athletics head coach Elias Rangamar, Iguel will be competing in the 100m run of the biennial event that will be held at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow from Aug. 10 to 18. Rangamar will



accompany Iguel to the nine-day competition.

The CNMI bet to the World Championships will see action in Russia right at the first day of the event, as
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KFC shares lead; PIC bounces back



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Pacific Islands Club's Nevin Salem pulls up for a floater against San Roque's Shane Deleon Guerrero, left, and Melvin Cadiang during the fourth quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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KFC/Taco Bell and Pacific Islands Club posted double-digit winning

margins in their respective games in the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first match, KFC/Taco Bell cruised past Armatech (1-1), 76-58, to improve to a 2-0 record and join AXE Proa on top of the team standings. In the second game, Pacific Islands Club bounced back from its debut loss to AXE Proa, following an 86-76 victory over San Roque (0-2).

PIC and San Roque breathed in each other's neck in the first three quarters before the former managed to create some space, capitalizing on the latter's miscues and poor shot selection in the last eight minutes of the fourth canto.

San Roque led by a deuce

at the end of the third, 59-57, and stretched the advantage to 5 early in the fourth, 63-58, before committing several errors and taking hurried shots to lose the driver's seat. While San Roque's offense was in disarray, PIC's was methodical, as it took high percentage shots and got a couple of second chance points in the paint to post its biggest lead, 76-67, entering the final three minutes of the match.

A string of 4 points sliced PIC's lead to 5, 76-71, and San Roque had a chance to move closer when Darwin Barbo lost possession in the paint. However, San Roque failed to complete a 3-on-1 fastbreak layup with Melvin Cadiang fumbling a bit as he lost his footing on his way to giving up the ball to Rodney Sacramento on the left wing. Fortunately, Sacramento got the erratic pass, but he was not squared off for the shot against Nevin Salem and muffed the attempt.

After the missed opportunity, San Roque committed an-

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Northern Marianas Badminton Association will be holding a two-week summer camp at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Registration for the event, dubbed as the 2013 Youth Badminton Summer Camp, is free and it will kick off on July 15 and run until July 26. It is open to interested players in the 7 to 18 age group and sessions will take place from Monday to Friday. There will be two sessions each day with the first one set from 8am to 10am and is for players in the 7 to 10 age group. The 10am to 12am sessions are for participants in the 11 to 18

NMBA holds summer camp



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Jexler Caranto, back, and Janelle Pangilinan, seen here in action in last month's IT&E tournament, are members of the Community Badminton Club, which will lead next week's 2013 Youth Badminton Summer Camp at the TSL Sports Complex.

age category.

Many-time class A singles champion Andreau Galvez will lead the camp and will be assisted by members of the Community Badminton Club. Registration forms are available at the TSL Sports Complex and at the 2nd floor of JP Centre Building in Garapan (Saipan Tribune office).

Participants are advised to wear the proper attire when attending the sessions. NMBA will be providing shuttlecocks and rackets during the summer camp and certificates will be given to participants.

Meanwhile, NMBA handed out the awards to the Top 3 finishers in the 2013 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton.
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